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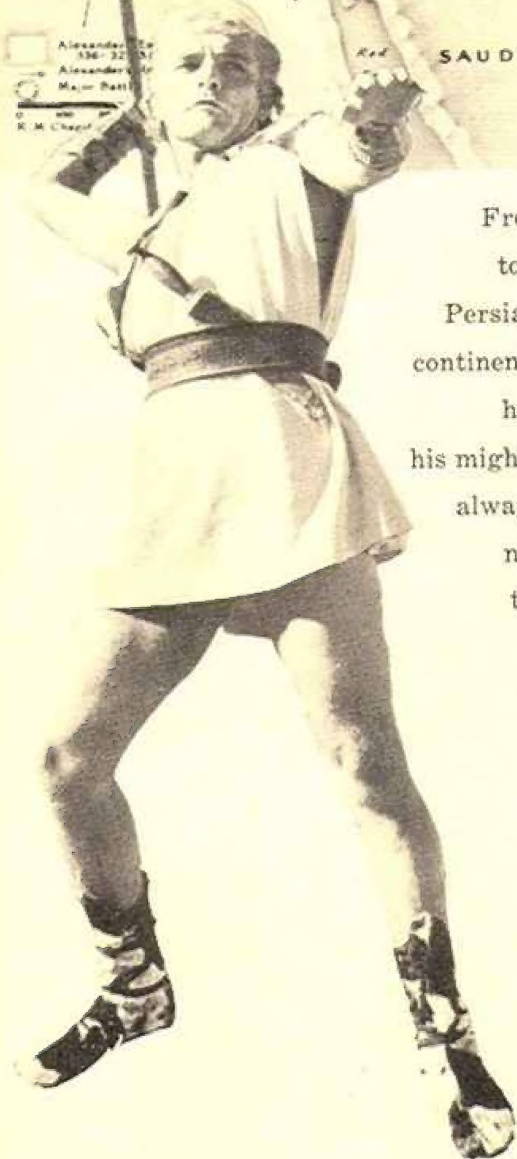
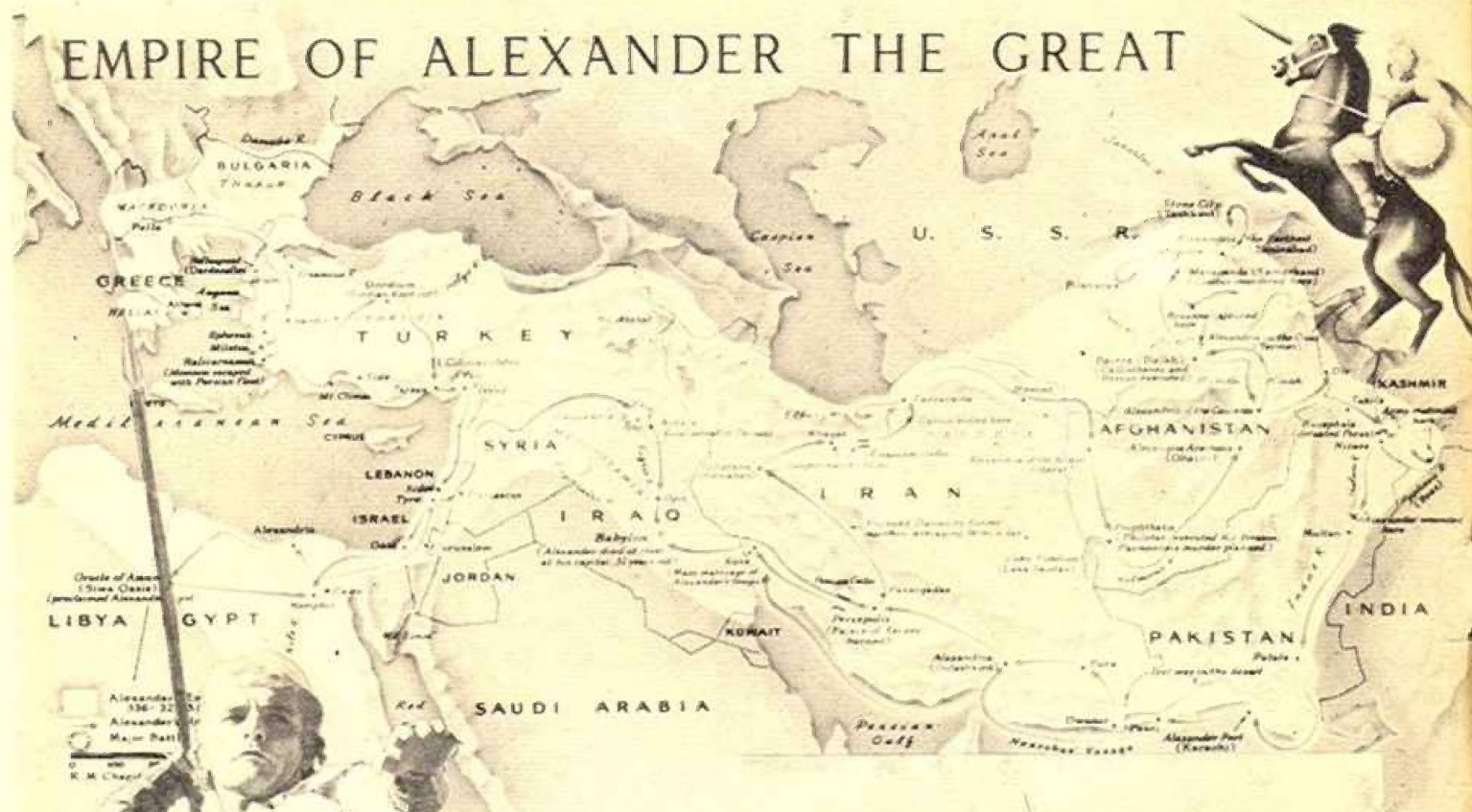
The boy who conquered the world



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EMPIRE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT



From Greece
to powerful
Persia, across a
continent to India,
he marched
his mighty armies,
always seeking
new worlds
to conquer.



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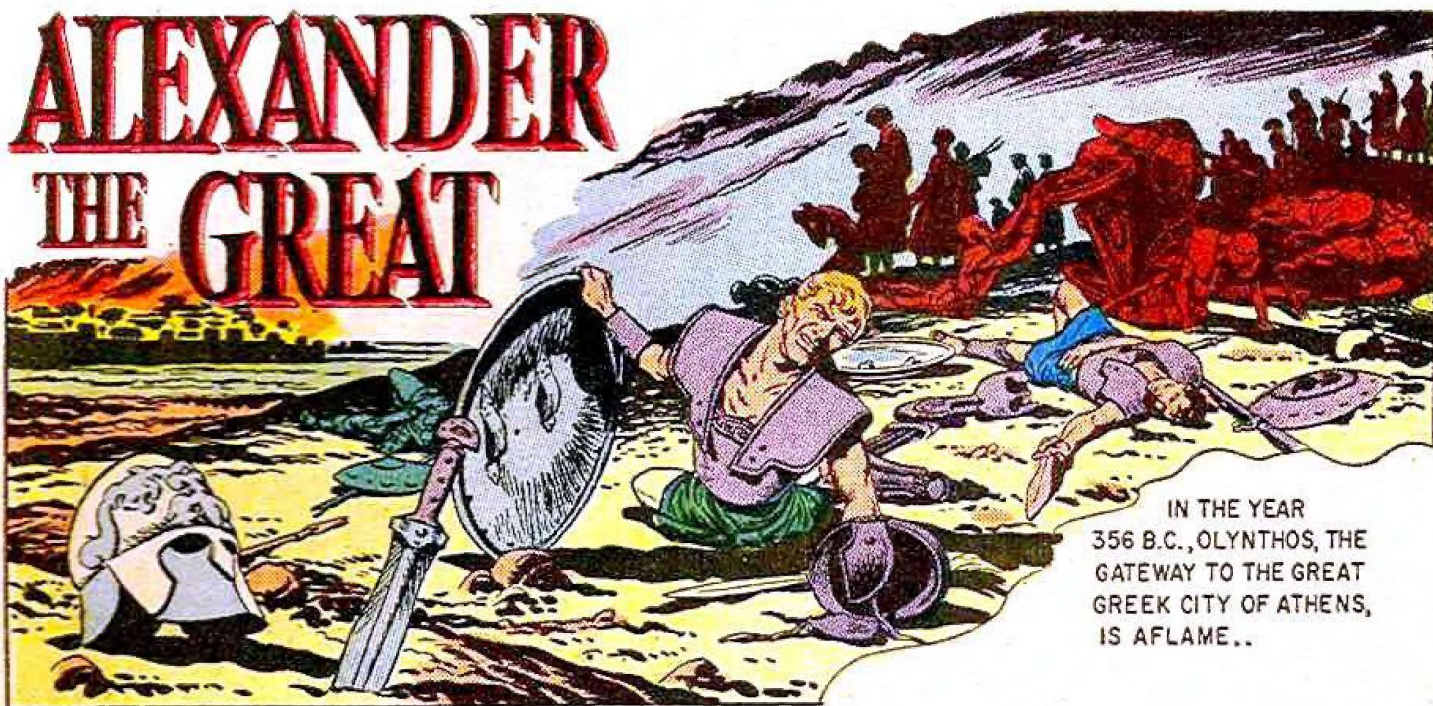
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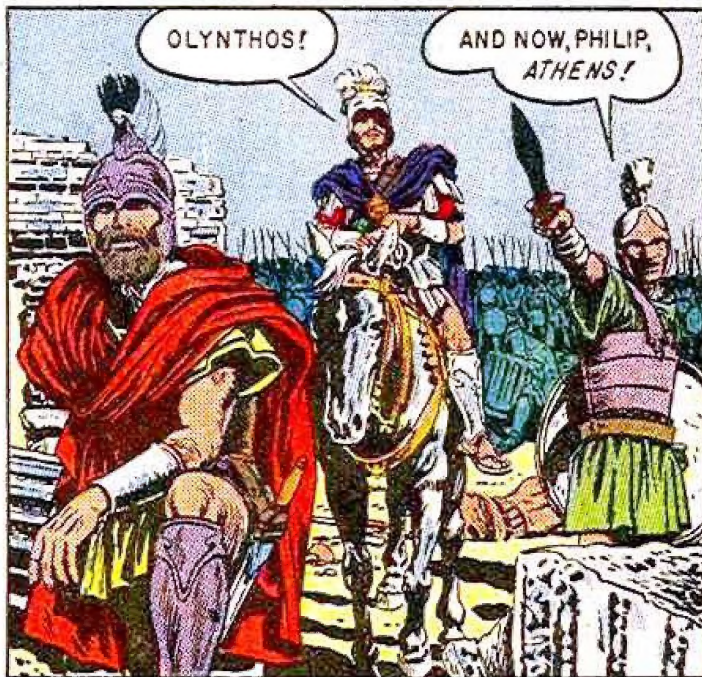
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IN THE YEAR
356 B.C., OLYNTHOS, THE
GATEWAY TO THE GREAT
GREEK CITY OF ATHENS,
IS AFLAME..



RUN! FLEE! THE — —
MACEDONIAN BARBARIANS
COME!



OLYNTHOS!

AND NOW, PHILIP,
ATHENS!



ATHENIANS! WE FOUND
THEM IN THE CITY!

FREE THEM!



FREE THEM! FOR URGING THE OLYNTHIANS TO FIGHT US?
PUT THEM TO THE SWORD AS A
WARNING TO ALL THE REST OF
GREECE! THEN NO ONE WILL
DARE OPPOSE YOU, PHILIP!

ATTALUS, THEY CAN
DO US NO HARM NOW!
SET THEM
FREE!

EVER SINCE WE LEFT MACEDONIA, OUR GOAL HAS BEEN *ATHENS!* BUT NOW, YOU HESITATE --- *WHY?* ONCE WORD REACHES ATHENS OF OUR VICTORY HERE, THERE'LL BE AN *ATHENIAN* BEHIND EVERY ROCK IN THAT PASS!



OR DO YOU LOVE *ATHENIAN* LIVES MORE THAN OURS?

FOR WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID TO PHILIP, I'LL...



PUT UP YOUR SWORD, *PARMENIO!* --- THE *ATHENIANS* ARE RIGHT! YOU'RE STILL *BARBARIANS!* YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE I STOPPED YOU FROM FIGHTING OVER A ROCKY PIECE OF LAND ON WHICH TO HERD YOUR *SWINE!*



I STILL SAY *MARCH ON ATHENS!*

THAT'S WHAT *DEMOSTHENES*, THEIR GREAT ORATOR, WANTS! ONCE WE START FOR *ATHENS*, *EVERY* GREEK WILL DEFEND IT! *ATHENS* IS NOT A CITY --- IT'S AN IDEA! LET THEM WAIT BY THE PASS TILL THEY ROT! WHEN *WE* MARCH INTO *ATHENS*, WE'LL BE *WELCOMED AS HEROES!*



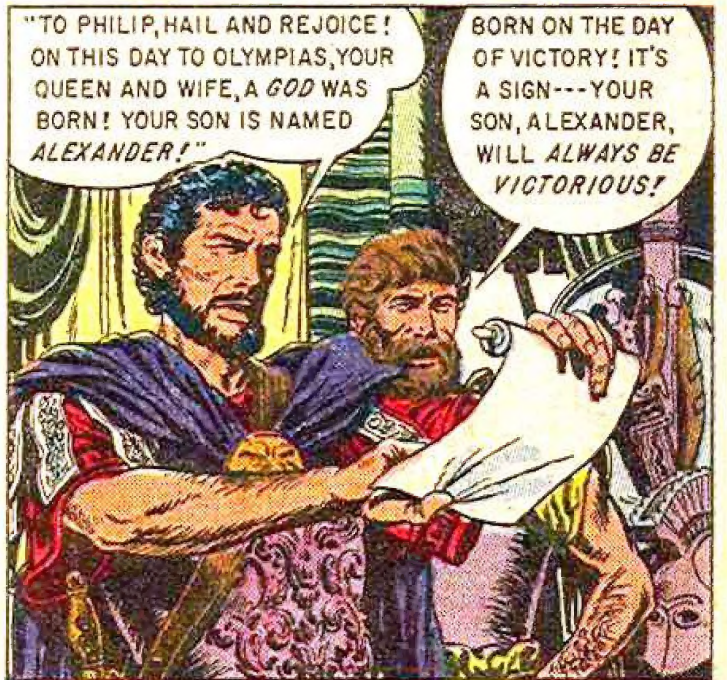
FROM *MACEDONIA* --- A MESSAGE FOR THE KING!

THE QUEEN'S SEAL IS ON IT, *PHILIP!*

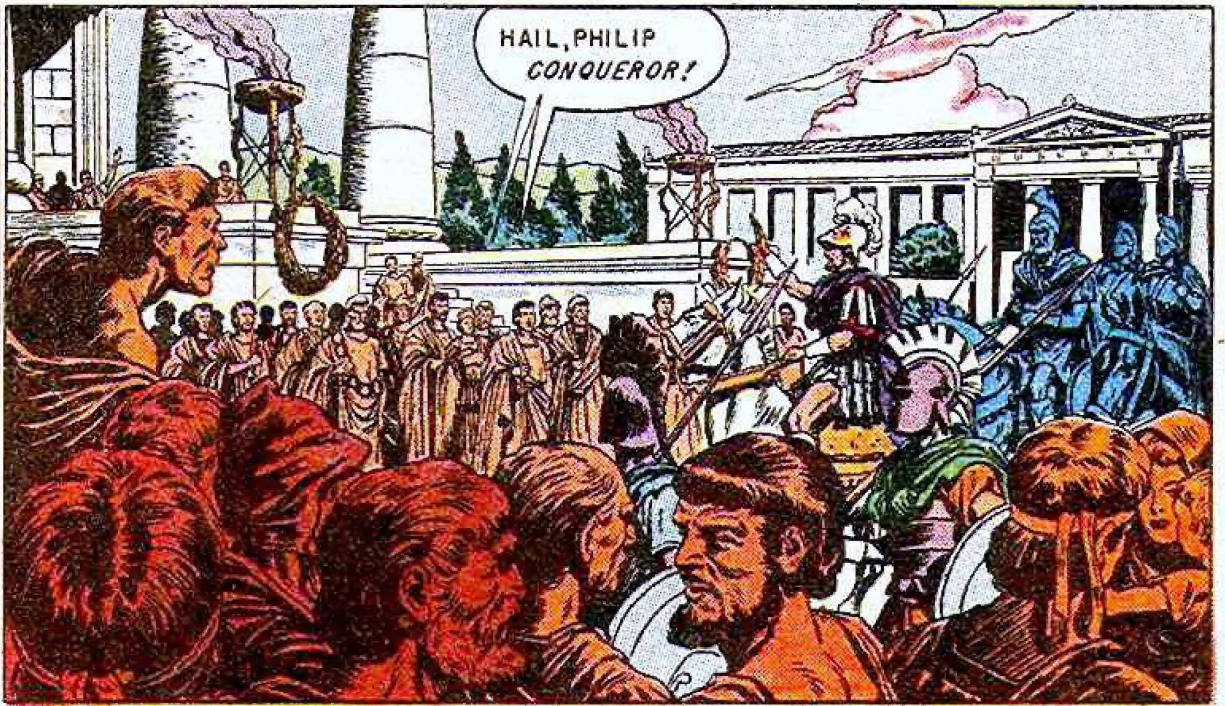


"TO *PHILIP*, HAIL AND REJOICE! ON THIS DAY TO *OLYMPIAS*, YOUR QUEEN AND WIFE, A *GOD* WAS BORN! YOUR SON IS NAMED *ALEXANDER!*"

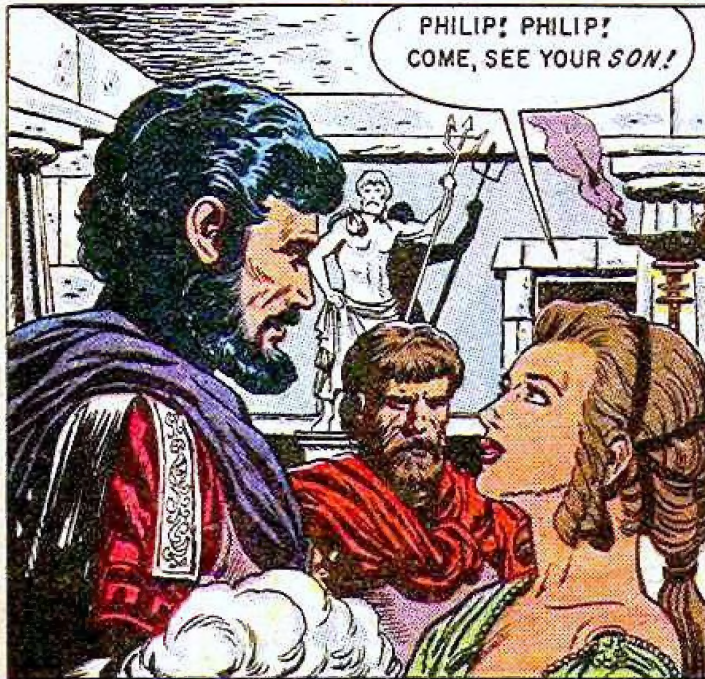
BORN ON THE DAY OF VICTORY! IT'S A SIGN --- YOUR SON, *ALEXANDER*, WILL ALWAYS BE *VICTORIOUS!*



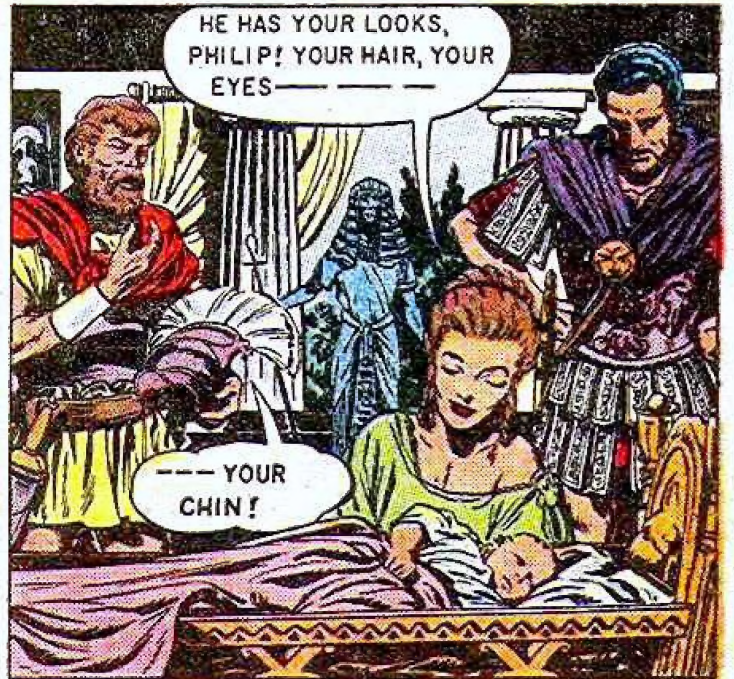
LATER, THROUGH THE STREETS OF PELLA, CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA, PHILIP'S PROUD ARMY MARCHES UNDER THE GAZE OF OLYMPIAS...



HAIL, PHILIP CONQUEROR!



PHILIP! PHILIP! COME, SEE YOUR SON!



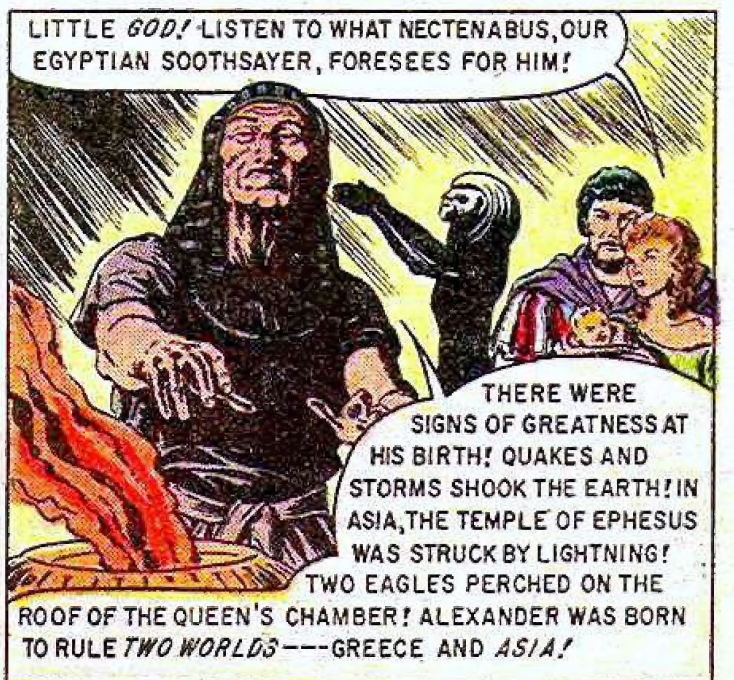
HE HAS YOUR LOOKS, PHILIP! YOUR HAIR, YOUR EYES — — —

— — — YOUR CHIN!



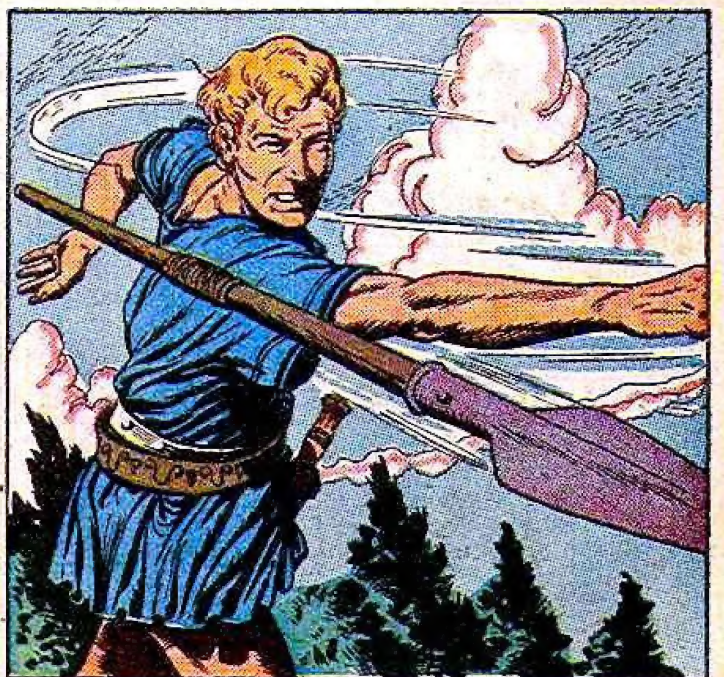
STRONG, TOO! THAT GRIP WAS MADE FOR THE SHAFT OF A SPEAR!

ALEXANDER — — —
ALEXANDER OF MACEDONIA — — —
ALEXANDER OF GREECE — — —
LITTLE LION!



LITTLE GOD! LISTEN TO WHAT NECTENABUS, OUR EGYPTIAN SOOTHSAYER, FORESEES FOR HIM!

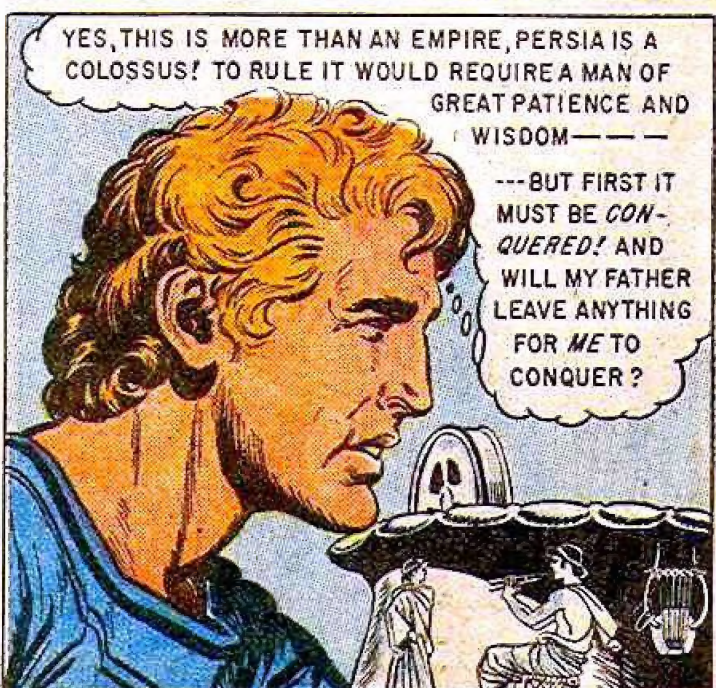
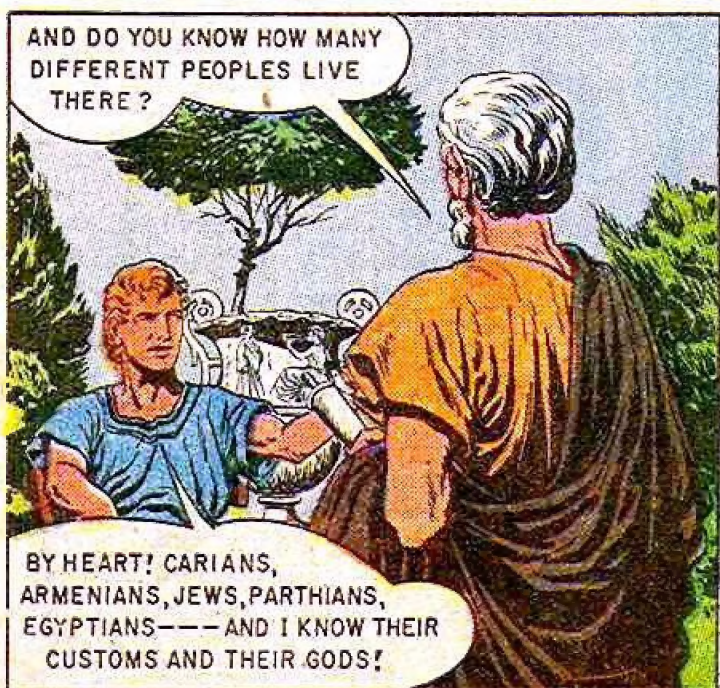
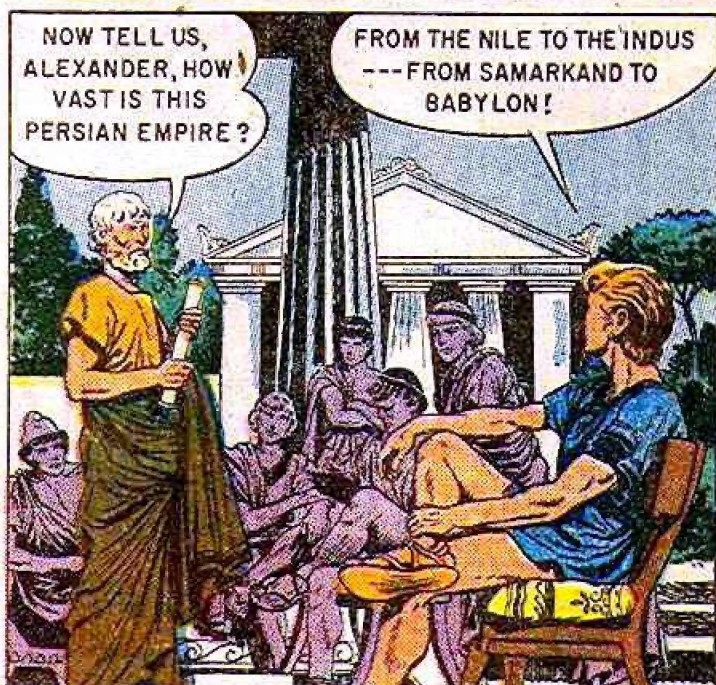
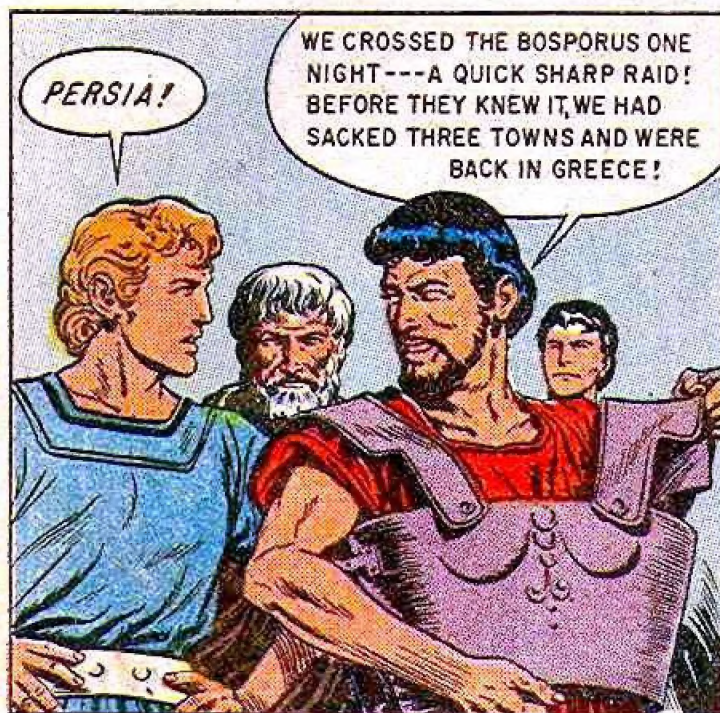
THERE WERE SIGNS OF GREATNESS AT HIS BIRTH! QUAKES AND STORMS SHOOK THE EARTH! IN ASIA, THE TEMPLE OF EPHEBUS WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING! TWO EAGLES PERCHED ON THE ROOF OF THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER! ALEXANDER WAS BORN TO RULE TWO WORLDS — — — GREECE AND ASIA!





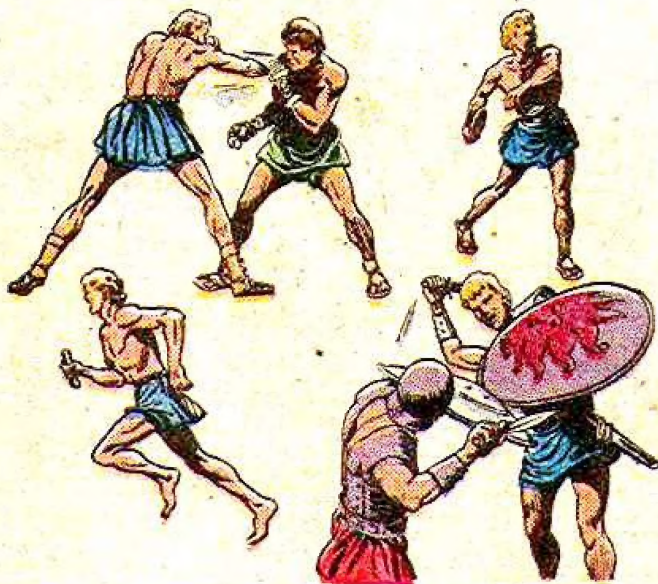
RIDING BACK FROM THE HILLS, ALEXANDER AND HIS COMPANIONS RETURN TO THE ROYAL SCHOOL AT MIETZA, WHERE PHILIP HAS BROUGHT THE GREAT PHILOSOPHER ARISTOTLE TO PREPARE ALEXANDER FOR RULING---







AND, AS ALEXANDER CONTINUES HIS TRAINING...



IN THE HILLS OF GREECE, THE MACEDONIAN ARMY FORAGES...



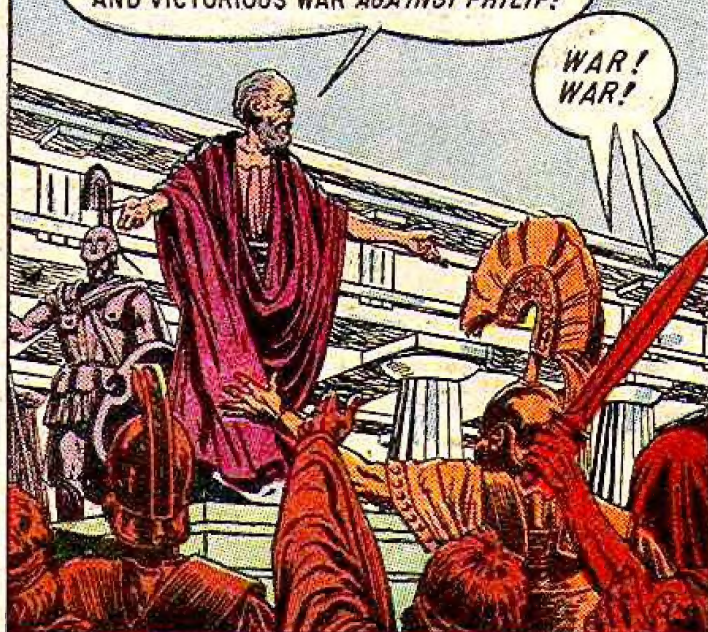
AND IN ATHENS, DEMOSTHENES AROUSES PHILIP'S FOES...

MEN OF ATHENS, FREE MEN HAVE FINALLY RISEN IN GREECE AND CALLED A HALT TO PHILIP'S TYRANNY! THE HUNTER HAS BECOME THE HUNTED!

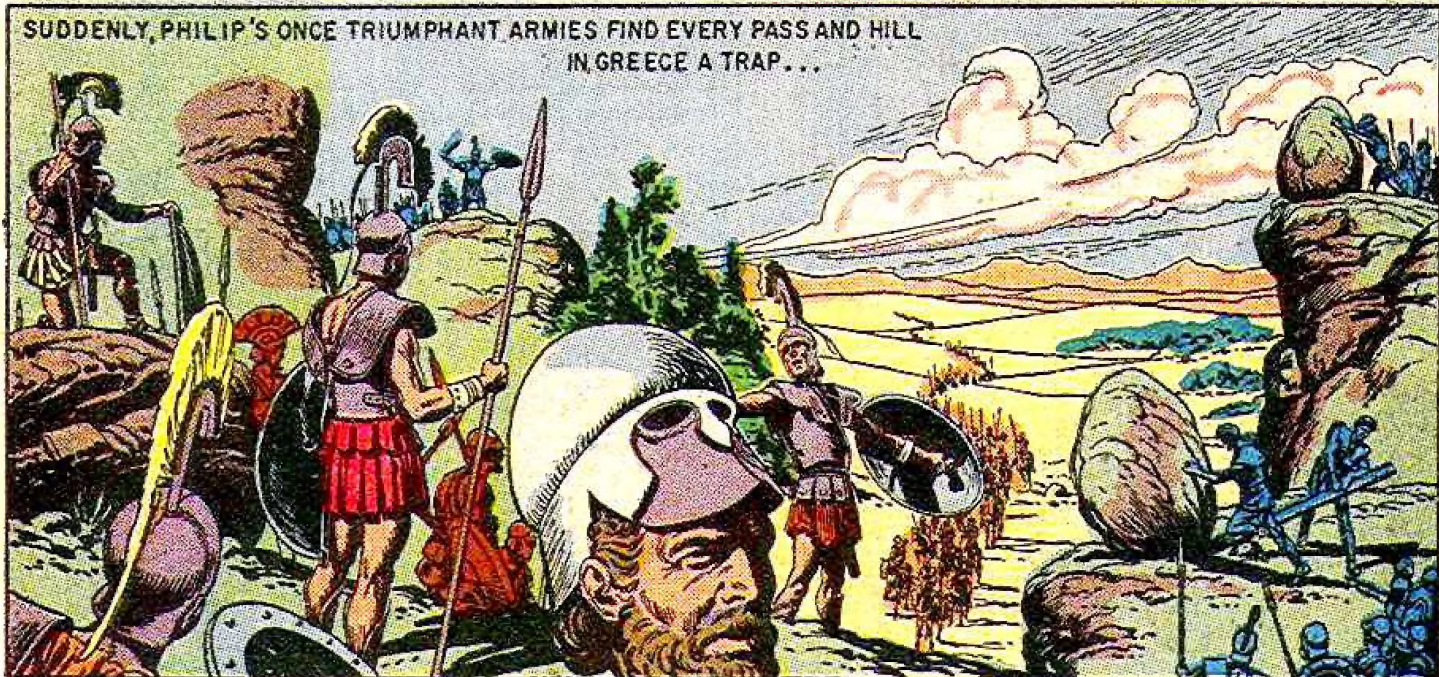


I MOVE FOR WAR--- OPEN, DECLARED AND VICTORIOUS WAR AGAINST PHILIP!

WAR!
WAR!



SUDDENLY, PHILIP'S ONCE TRIUMPHANT ARMIES FIND EVERY PASS AND HILL IN GREECE A TRAP...

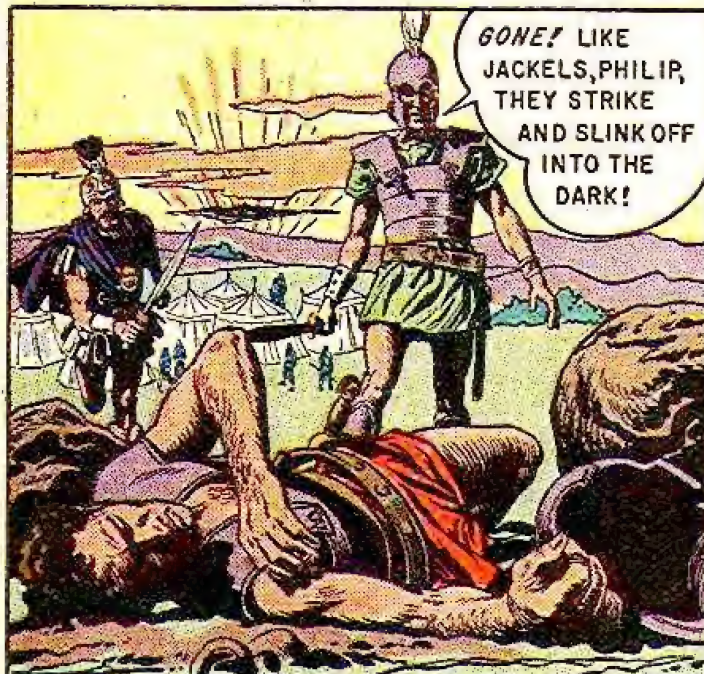


TURN!





HARRASSED BY DAY, THE ARMY OF MACEDONIAN INVADERS FINDS NO RELIEF AT NIGHT — —



GONE! LIKE JACKELS, PHILIP, THEY STRIKE AND SLINK OFF INTO THE DARK!



I COME FROM PELLA! GREETINGS FROM ANTIPATER, YOUR REGENT THERE!



TROOPS, WHAT DOES ANTIPATER SAY ABOUT SENDING US MORE TROOPS?

NOTHING! HE ASKS US TO SEND HIM TROOPS!



THERE IS TROUBLE AT THE CAPITAL! WITHOUT MY PRESENCE THERE, PETTY FEUDS HAVE BROKEN OUT IN MACEDONIA! WHILE WE FACE DEFEAT HERE IN GREECE, THERE IS DISUNITY AT HOME!

QUICKLY, PHILIP
RIDES TO MIETZA.

WHEN YOU FIRST SENT ALEXANDER HERE,
YOU SAID, "TEACH HIM WHAT I NEVER HAD
TIME TO LEARN---HOW TO *RULE*!"

AND NOW, I HAVEN'T TIME TO WAIT!
MEN I'VE EXILED HAVE COME BACK TO
STIR UP TROUBLE! CITIES I'VE CONQUERED
REBEL! PELLA NEEDS A *STRONGER* REGENT
THAN ANTIPATER---ALEXANDER!

BUT TO PLACE SUCH RESPONSIBILITY
ON HIS SHOULDERS! TO THRUST
MANHOOD ON A BOY---

--- LOOK AT HIM,
ARISTOTLE! HE *IS*
A MAN!

ALEXANDER, THERE MUST BE
LOYALTY HERE IN MACEDONIA
TO THE CROWN--- TO THE
HOUSE OF PHILIP! *CAN*
YOU *RULE*?

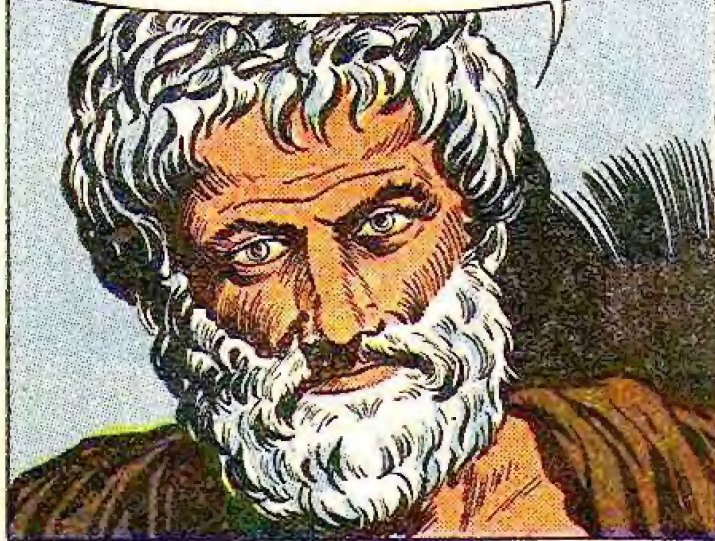
I AM
READY!

FAREWELL,
ARISTOTLE!

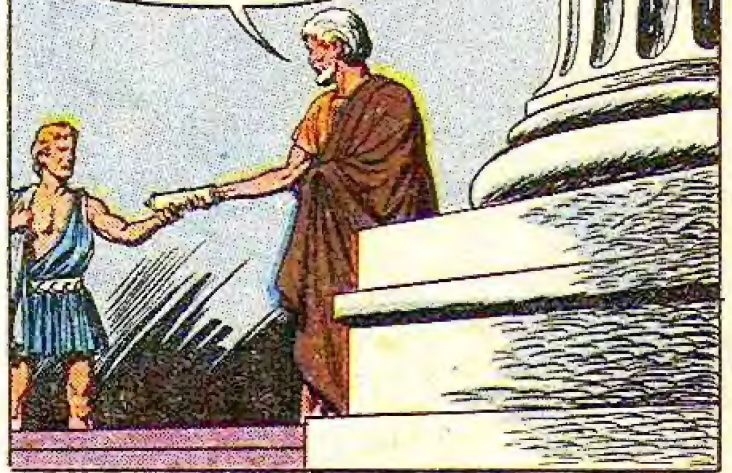
WATCH HIM, PHILIP! ALEXANDER IS
MANY THINGS! HE'S A LOGICIAN, HE'S
A DREAMER...WARRIOR... POET!
HE'S A MAN--- AND YET HE
BELIEVES HIMSELF TO BE
A GOD!

FATHER ZEUS, GIVE ME, THE SON
OF EARTH *AND* HEAVEN, THE
STRENGTH WHICH
YOU DID PROMISE
ME, WHEN, AT MY
BIRTH IT WAS
PRONOUNCED THAT
I WAS A GOD!

WHEREVER YOU GO, ALEXANDER, REMEMBER YOUR DUTY! SINCE OURS, THE GREEK CULTURE, IS THE BEST, WE MUST BRING OUR WAY OF LIFE TO THE BARBARIC PERSIANS. THIS, AND NOT BOOTY, IS OUR MISSION IN ASIA!



TAKE THIS BOOK THAT YOU'VE LOVED AND LIVED BY---THE ILIAD! AND NEVER FORGET THE WORDS OF SOPHOCLES, "WONDERS ARE MANY---BUT NONE IS MORE WONDERFUL THAN MAN HIMSELF"! FAREWELL, ALEXANDER!



LATER, IN PELLA---

BY MY DIVINE RIGHT AS KING, I GIVE YOU, ALEXANDER OF MACEDONIA, THE SEAL OF REGENCY! YOU WILL RULE IN MY ABSENCE AS THOUGH YOU WERE KING!

HAIL ALEXANDER!



AND I ALSO GIVE YOU THIS ADVICE ---TRUST NO ONE AND LEARN TO LIVE ALONE!

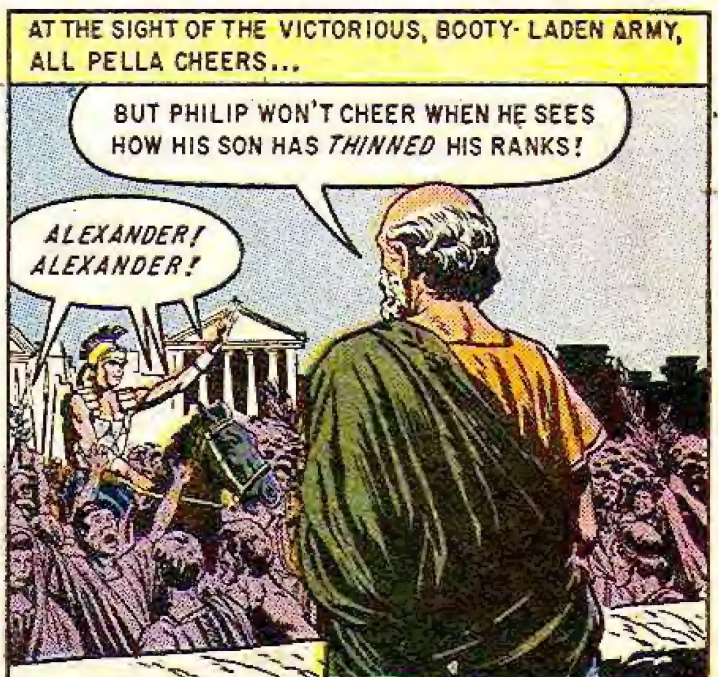
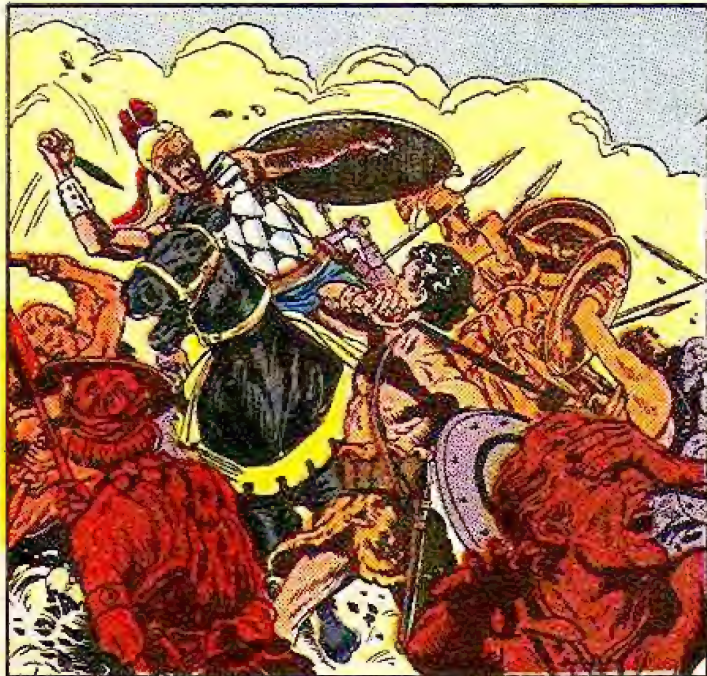


A FEW DAYS LATER...

WHERE DO YOU RIDE?
THERE IS PEACE
IN THE HILLS!

THE TRIBES
REVOLTED
ONCE AGAINST
THE KING,
ANTIPATER!
THEY MUST BE
PUNISHED!

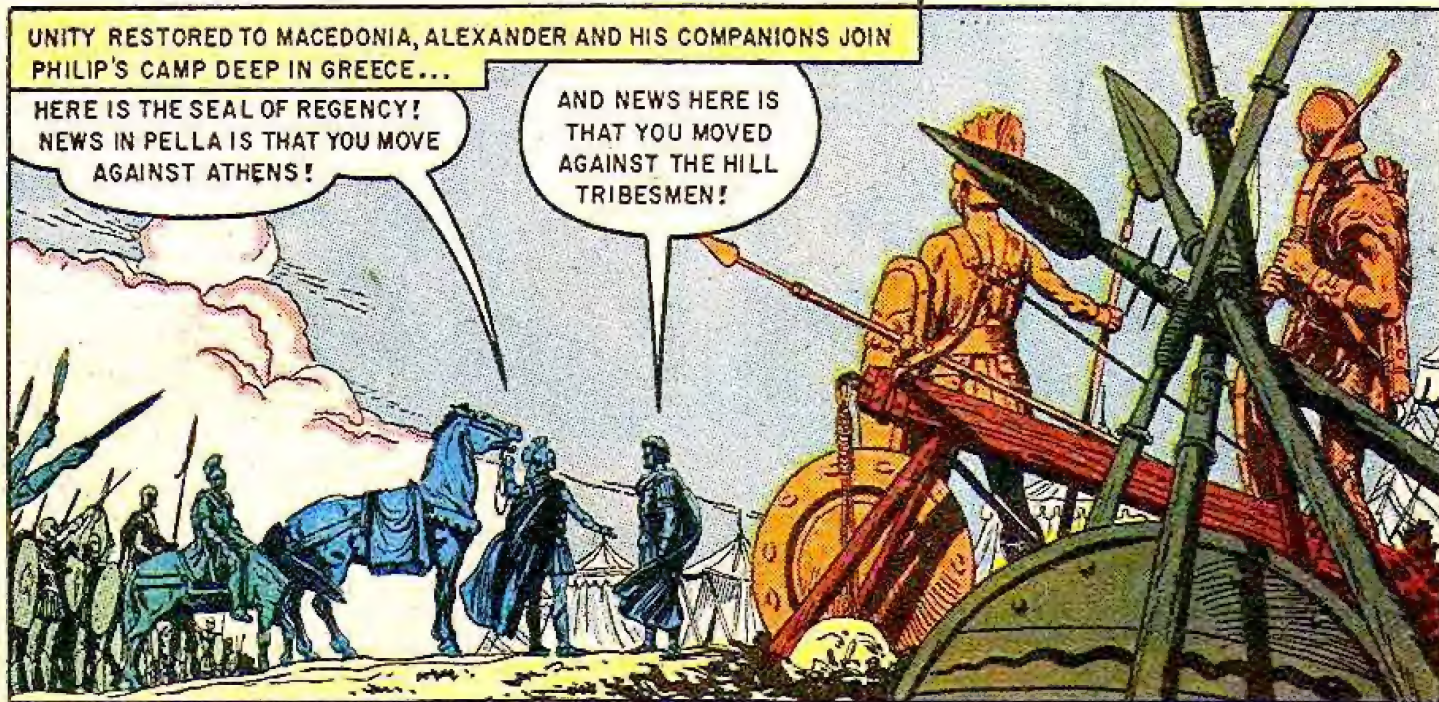




UNITY RESTORED TO MACEDONIA, ALEXANDER AND HIS COMPANIONS JOIN PHILIP'S CAMP DEEP IN GREECE...

HERE IS THE SEAL OF REGENCY!
NEWS IN PELLA IS THAT YOU MOVE
AGAINST ATHENS!

AND NEWS HERE IS
THAT YOU MOVED
AGAINST THE HILL
TRIBESMEN!



I DID IT TO PROTECT
YOUR REAR!

AT THE COST OF MANY
BRAVE MEN I COULD
HAVE USED AT THE
FRONT!



BUT NO TROOPS ARE
NEEDED IN PELLA
ANY LONGER! I'VE
BROUGHT YOU A
WHOLE ARMY!

MAYBE YOU ARE RIGHT!
I FORGIVE YOU FOR EVERY-
THING BUT NAMING A CITY
AFTER YOURSELF--- AT
LEAST WAIT TILL I DIE!



TOMORROW, HERE AT CHERONEA, IF WE WIN, ALL GREECE
IS MINE! AND WITH GREECE UNITED UNDER MY CONTROL
WE CAN MARCH ON PERSIA!

WHO FACES YOU?

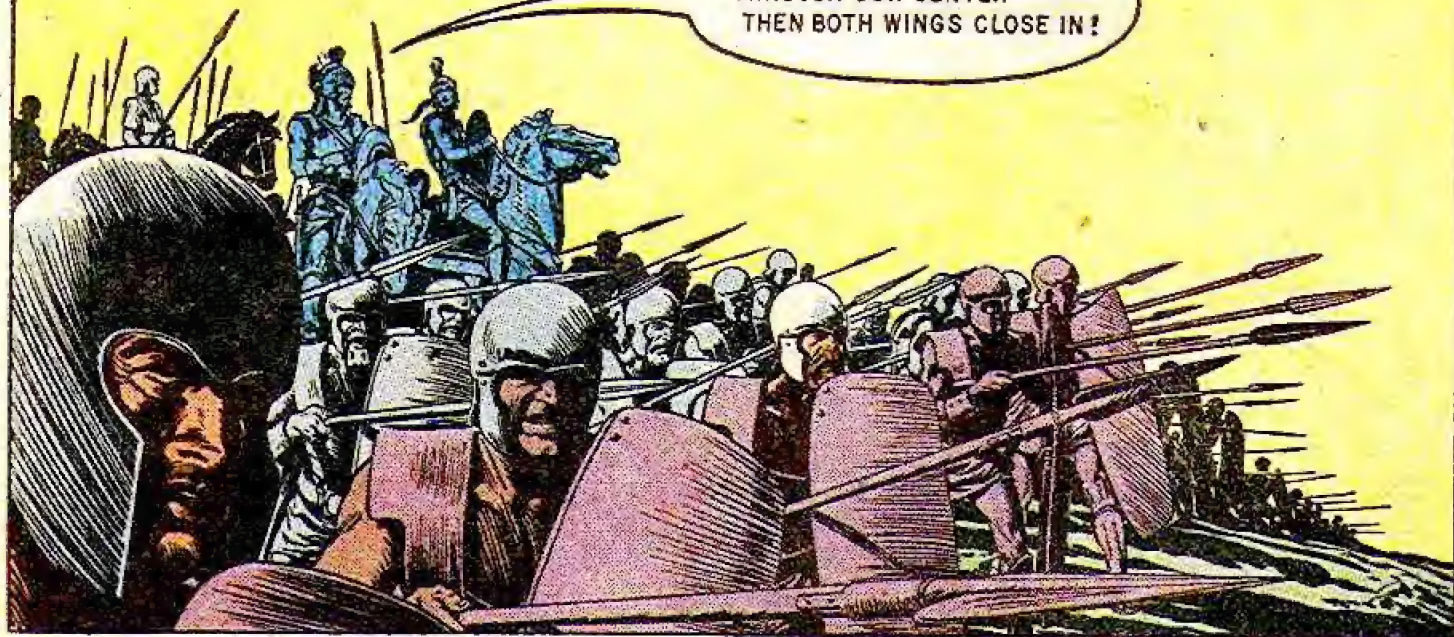


THE THEBANS AND THE ATHENIANS--- DETERMINED TO
HOLD THE PASS AND KEEP US FROM ADVANCING INTO
GREECE! BUT OUR MACEDONIAN PIKEMEN WILL PUSH
THROUGH! I WILL COMMAND THE RIGHT WING! THE
LEFT WING WILL BE LED BY YOU!



AT DAWN, THE ATHENIANS ADVANCE...

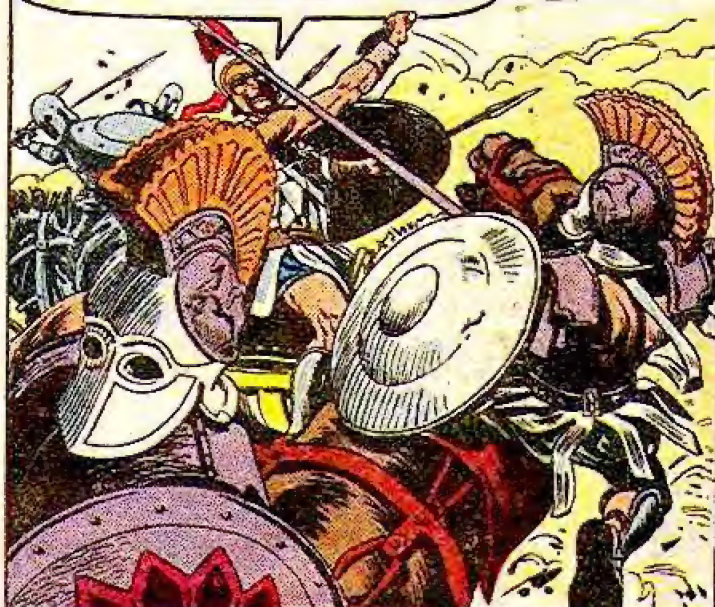
GIVE WAY! LET THEM PUSH
THROUGH OUR CENTER——
THEN BOTH WINGS CLOSE IN!



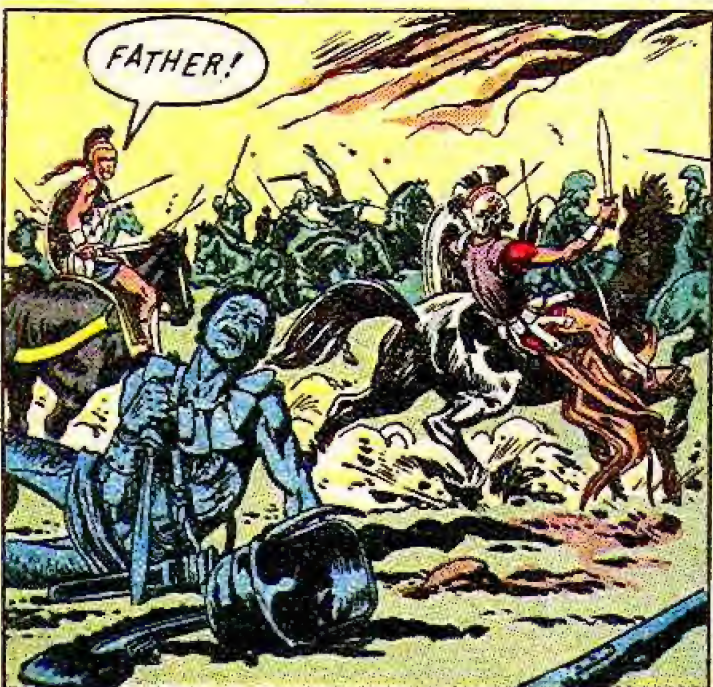
THE GREEKS, MEETING LITTLE RESISTANCE IN THE
CENTER, SURGE FORWARD, AS SUDDENLY, THE TRAP
IS SPRUNG——



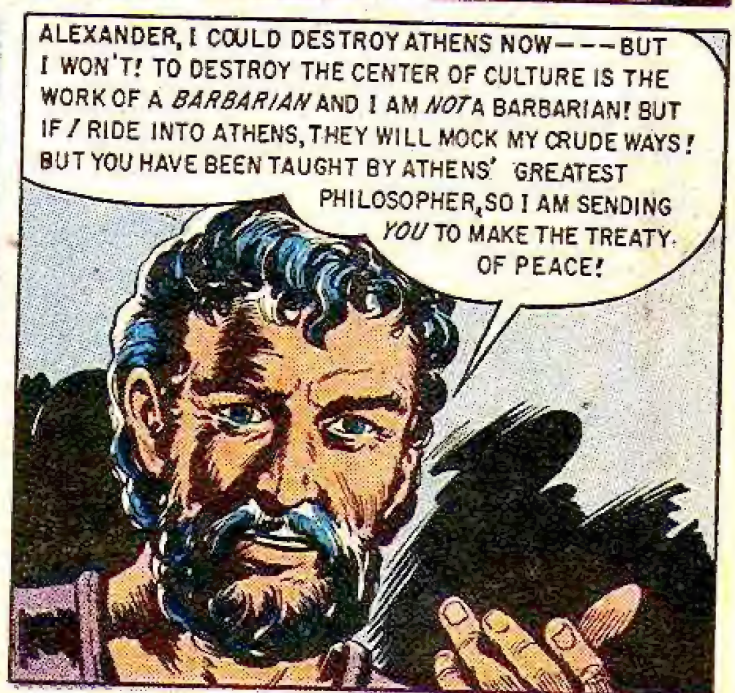
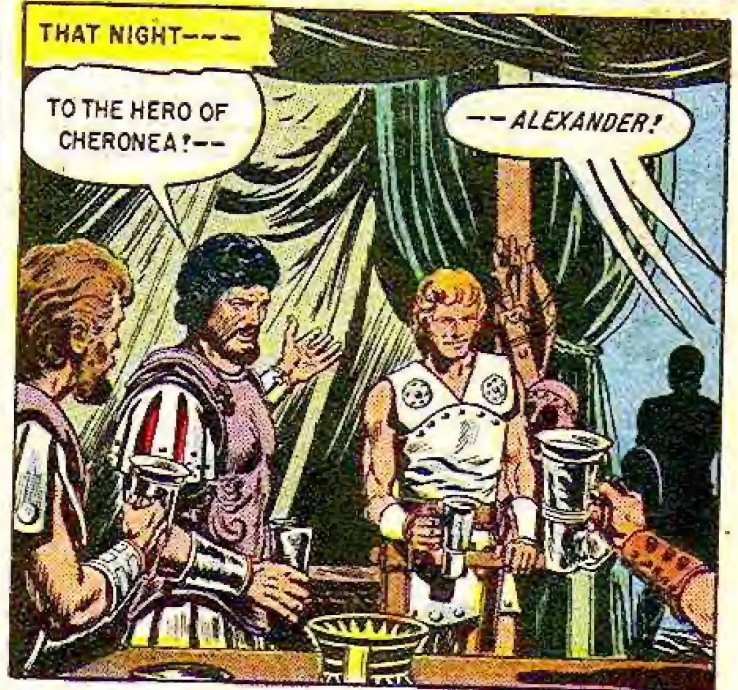
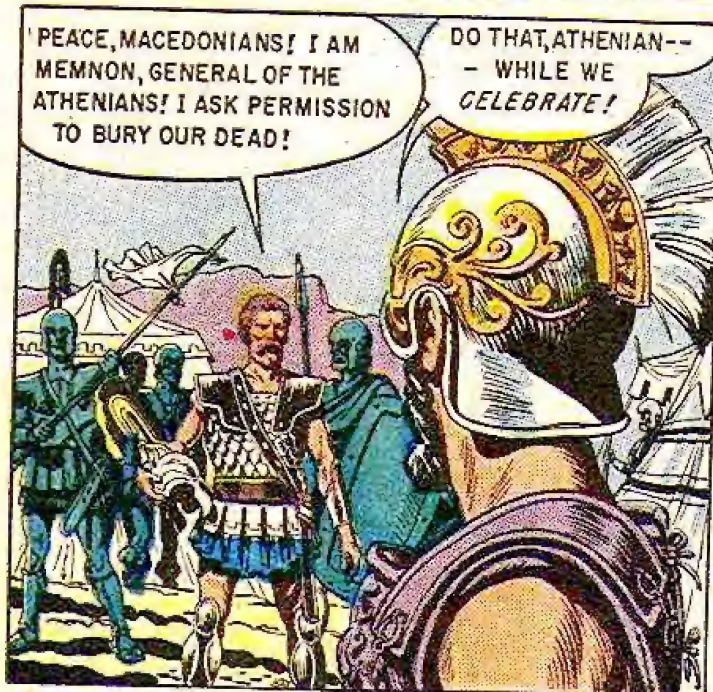
COMPANIONS! THEY ARE CALLED THEBES' SACRED BAND!
—— LET US *DISBAND* THEM!



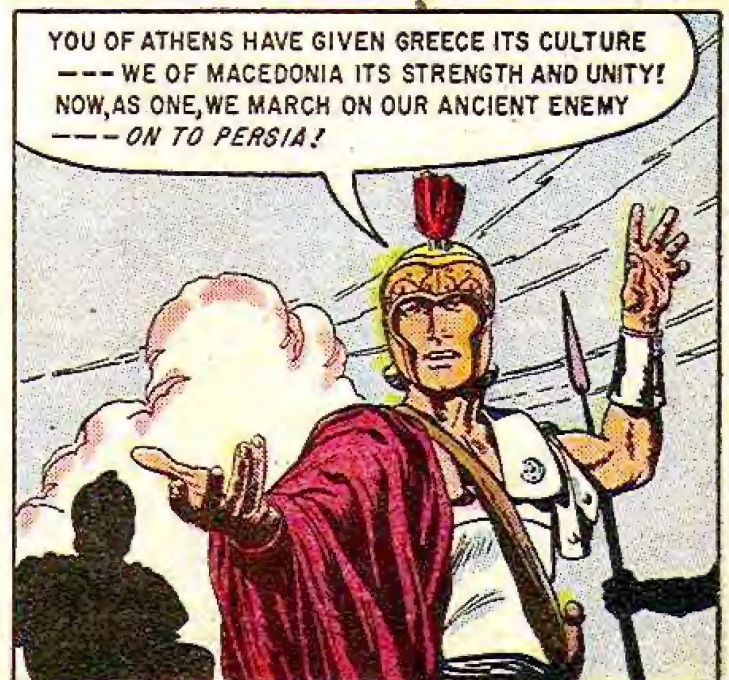
FATHER!

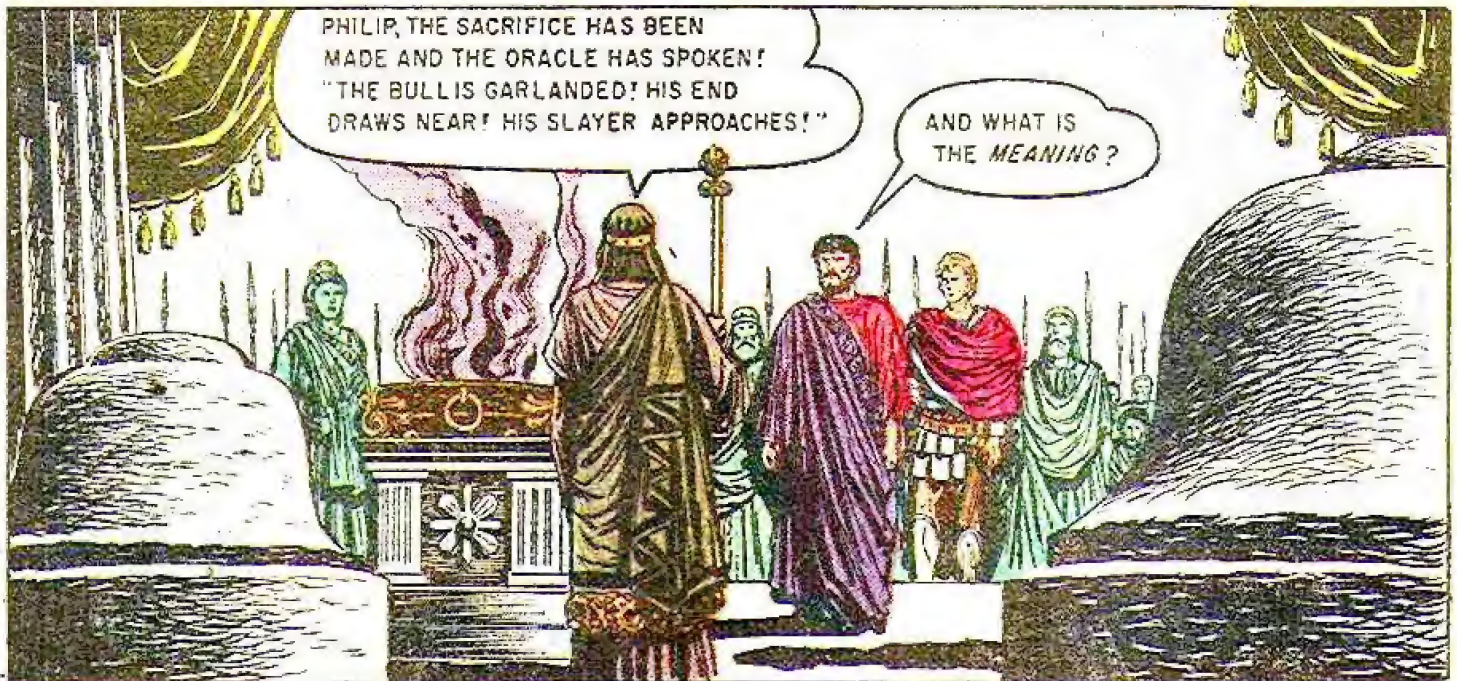
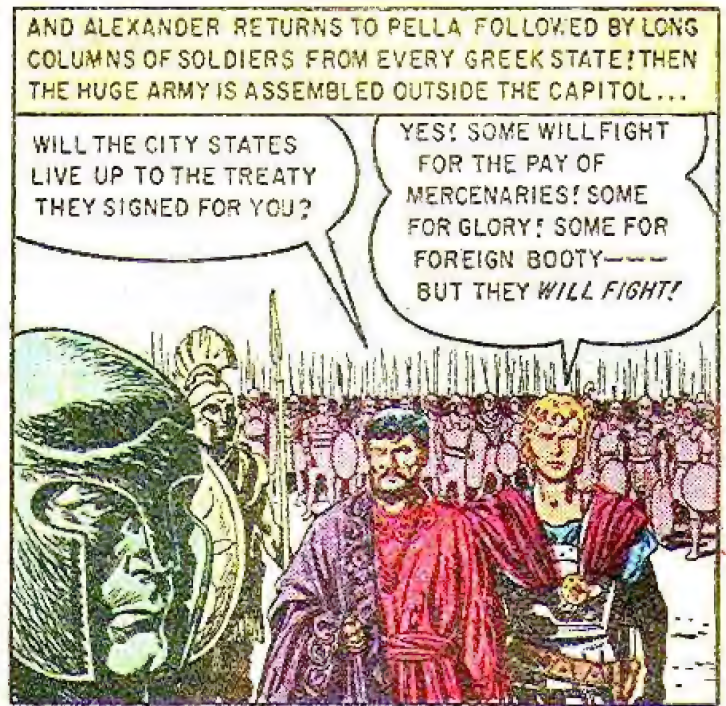
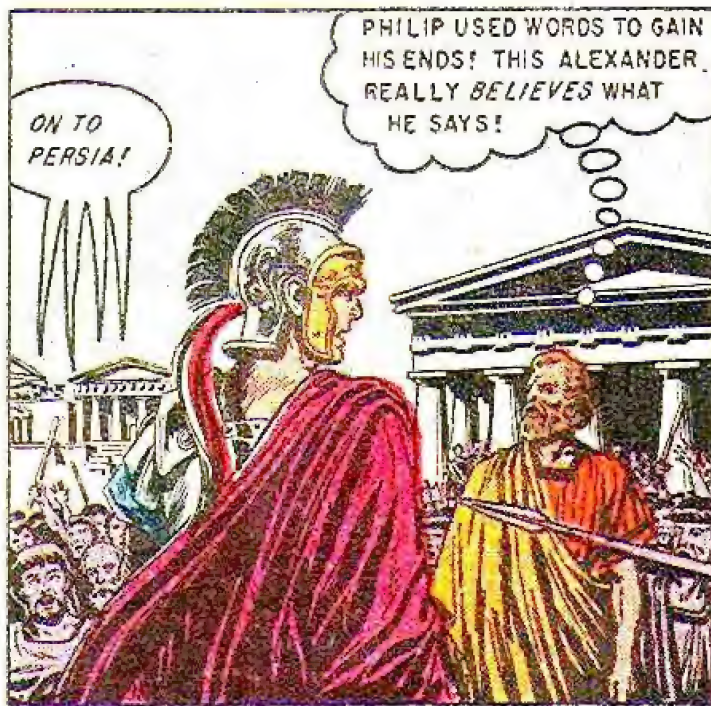






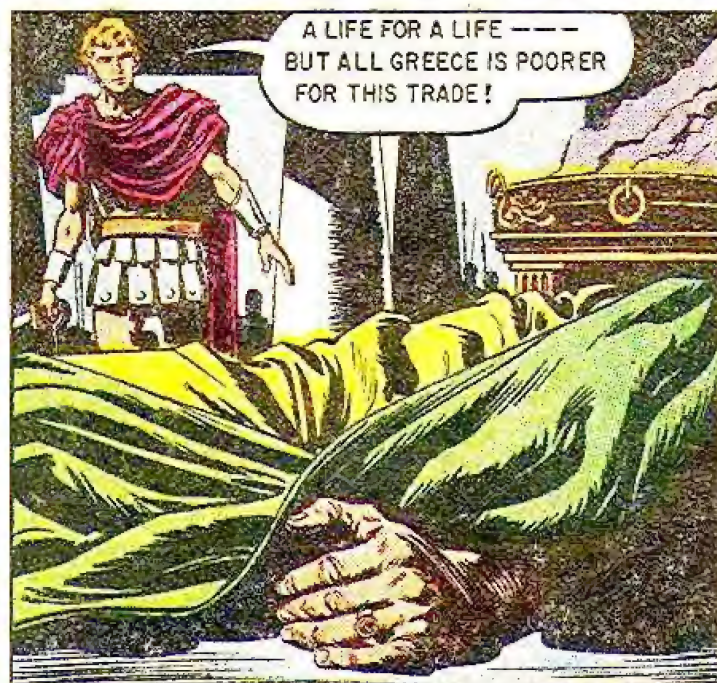
LATER, INTO ATHENS, ALEXANDER RIDES TRIUMPHANTLY...







COMPANIONS!
SLAY THE
TRAITOR!



THEN SILENCE FALLS UPON THE HUGE ARMY AND
ALEXANDER SUDDENLY REALIZES IT IS LEADERLESS...

SOLDIERS! YOU WERE ASSEMBLED BY YOUR KING TO BE
LED TO A GREATER GLORY THAN ANY ARMY HAS EVER
KNOWN ——— TO CONQUER PERSIA!

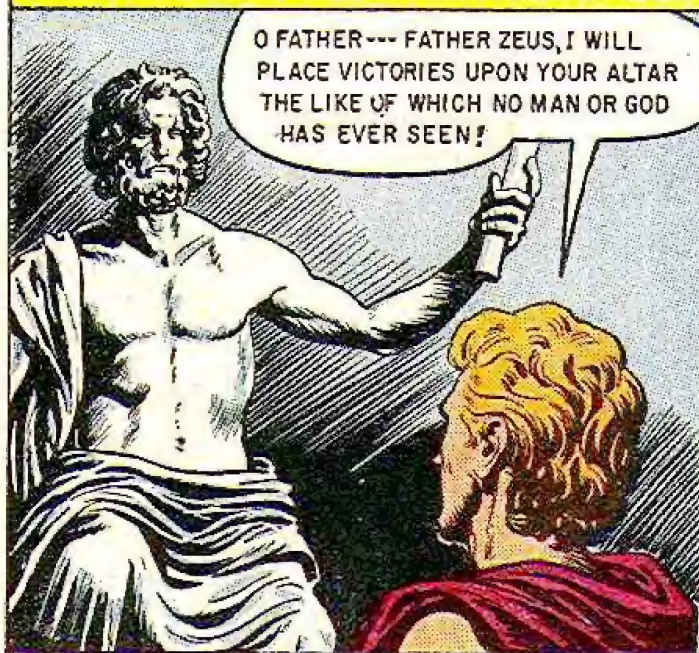


NOTHING HAS CHANGED BUT
THE NAME OF THE KING!

KING!

ALEXANDER!

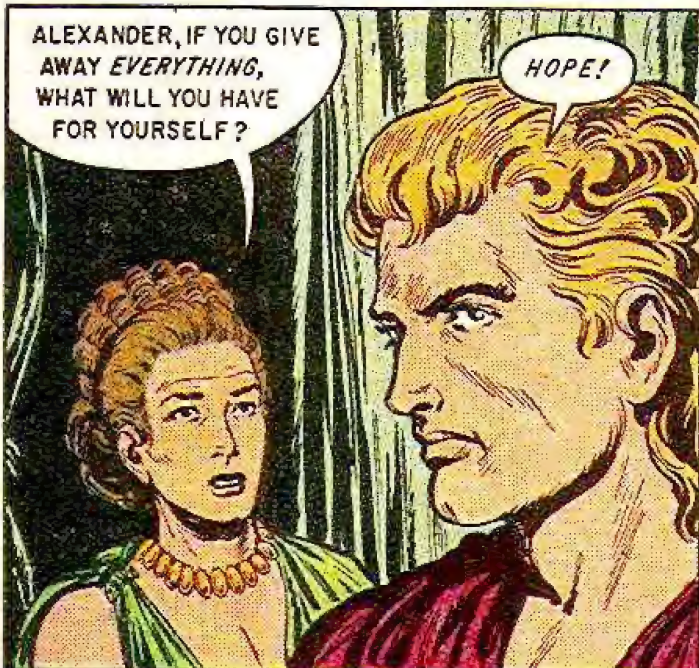
LATER, AT THE SHRINE OF ZEUS IN THE ROYAL PALACE...



O FATHER--- FATHER ZEUS, I WILL PLACE VICTORIES UPON YOUR ALTAR THE LIKE OF WHICH NO MAN OR GOD HAS EVER SEEN!



LISTEN TO ME, YOU WHO WILL REMAIN IN PELLA! --- ALL MY JEWELS, MY ROBES, MY WEALTH ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE WIDOWS OF OUR ARMY!



ALEXANDER, IF YOU GIVE AWAY *EVERYTHING*, WHAT WILL YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF?

HOPE!



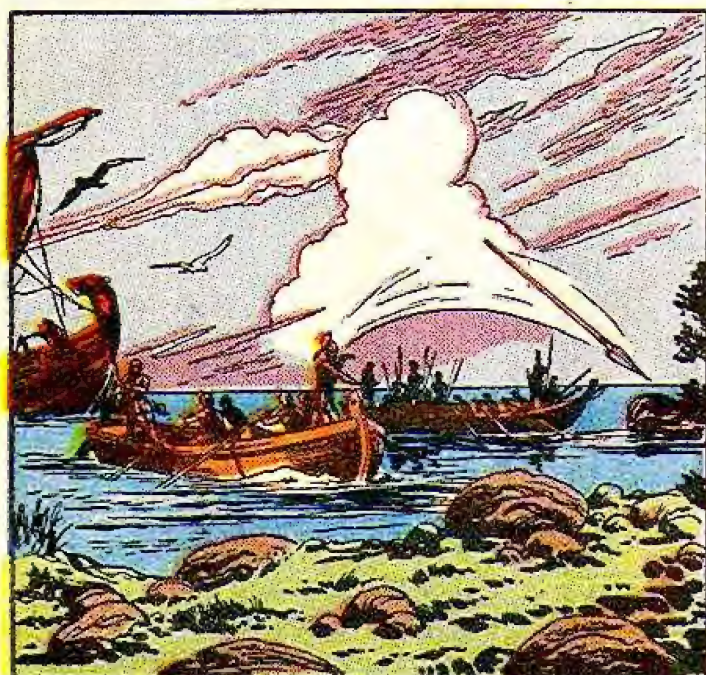
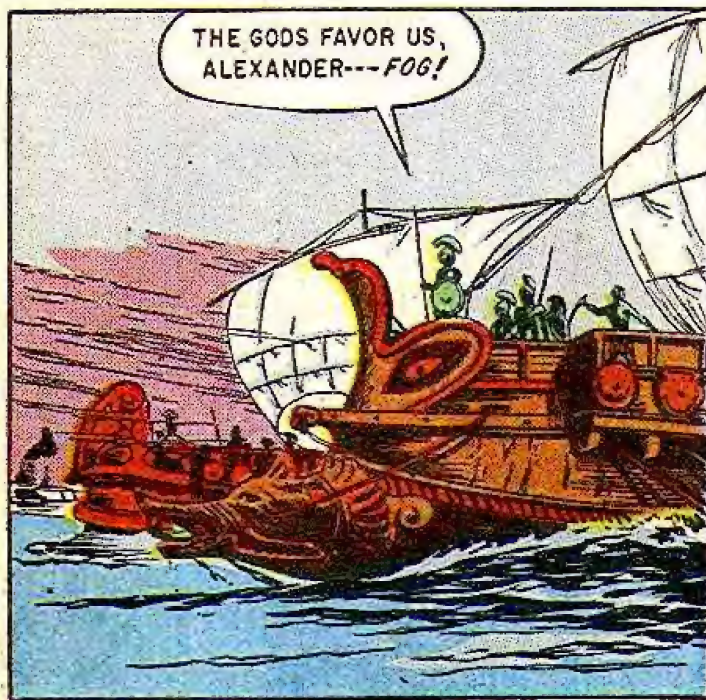
FAREWELL, MOTHER!

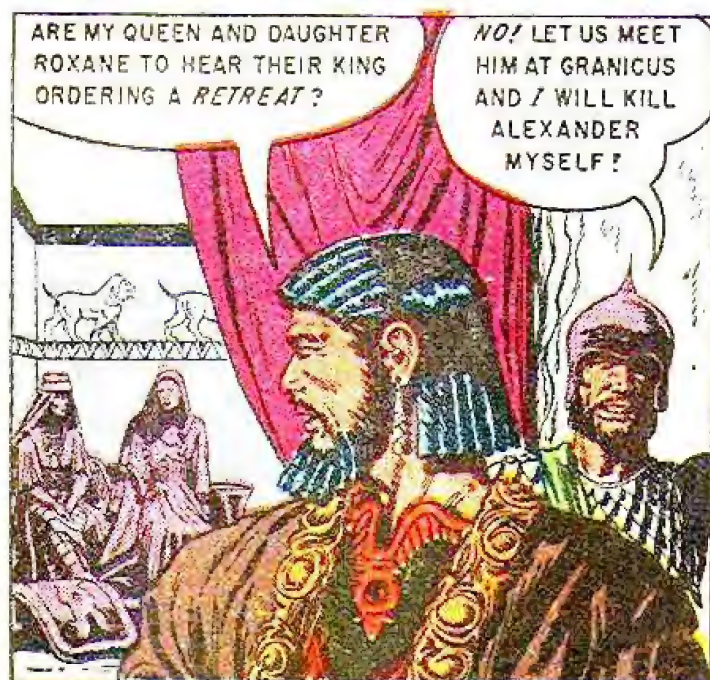
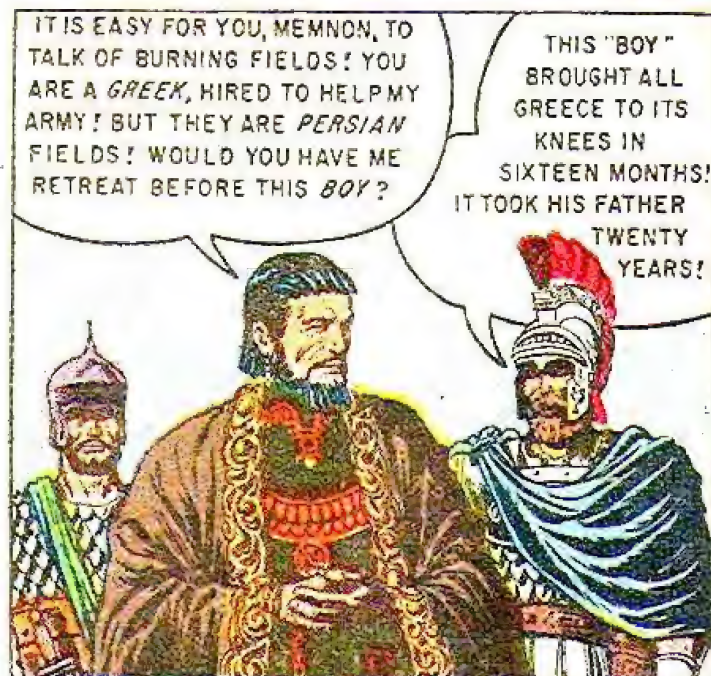
YOU, GOD, WHO GAVE HIM TO ME, DO NOT BREAK YOUR VOW! IF HIS LIFE IS TO BE SHORT, AS IN THE PROPHECY, IN THAT SHORT SPAN GIVE HIM *GLORY* FOR ALL TIME!

AND IN THE SPRING OF 334 B.C., ALEXANDER REACHES THE HELLESPONT, THE WATER THAT DIVIDES EUROPE FROM ASIA...



FROM HERE, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, ACHILLES AND THE GREEKS CROSSED TO TROY TO WIN ONE WOMAN BACK---HELEN! BUT WE---WE CROSS TO WIN AN *EMPIRE*!

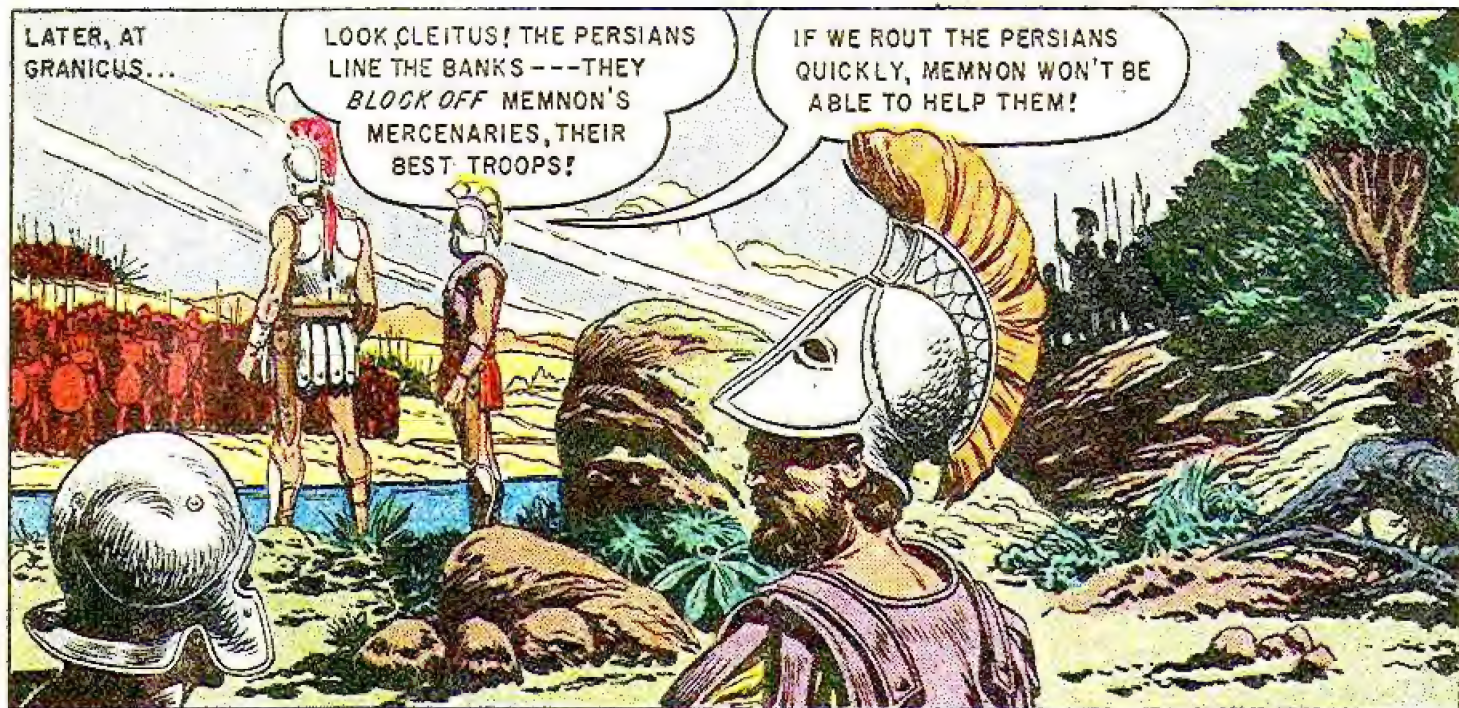




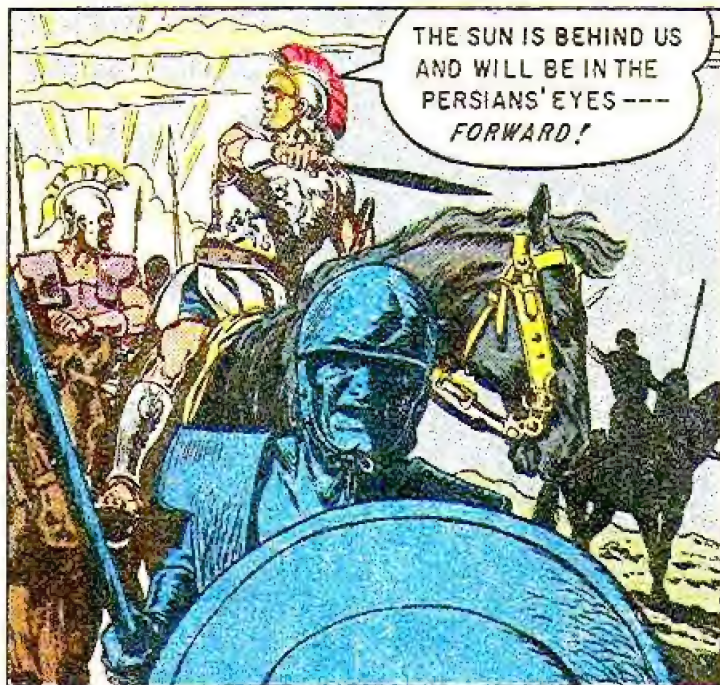
LATER, AT
GRANICUS...

LOOK, CLEITUS! THE PERSIANS
LINE THE BANKS --- THEY
BLOCK OFF MEMNON'S
MERCENARIES, THEIR
BEST TROOPS!

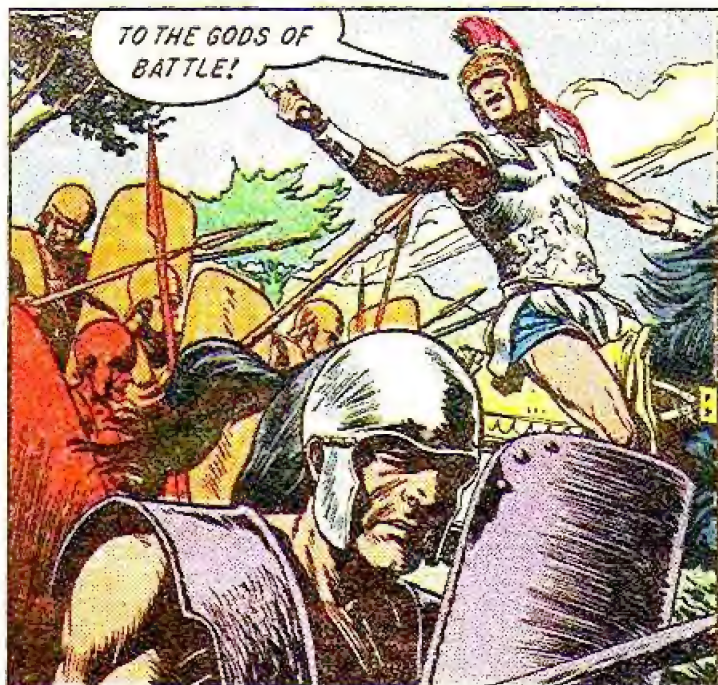
IF WE ROUT THE PERSIANS
QUICKLY, MEMNON WON'T BE
ABLE TO HELP THEM!



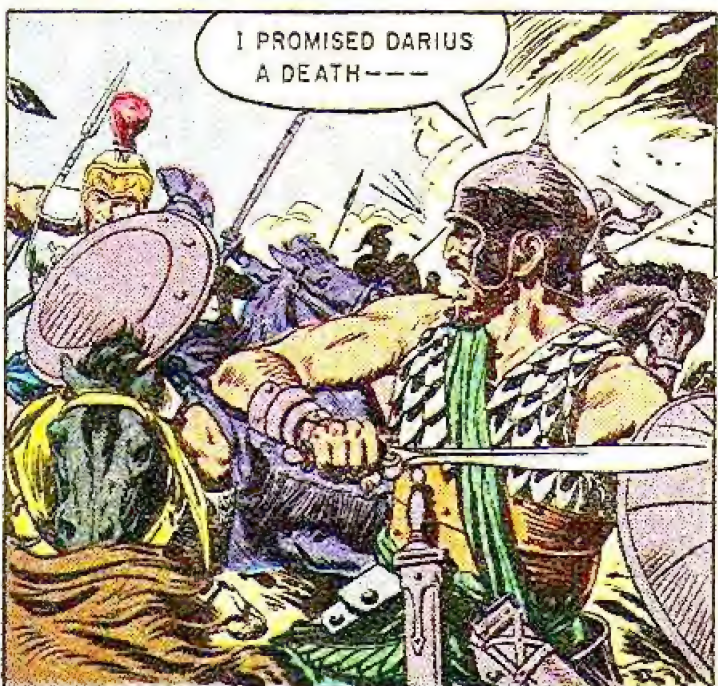
THE SUN IS BEHIND US
AND WILL BE IN THE
PERSIANS' EYES ---
FORWARD!



TO THE GODS OF
BATTLE!



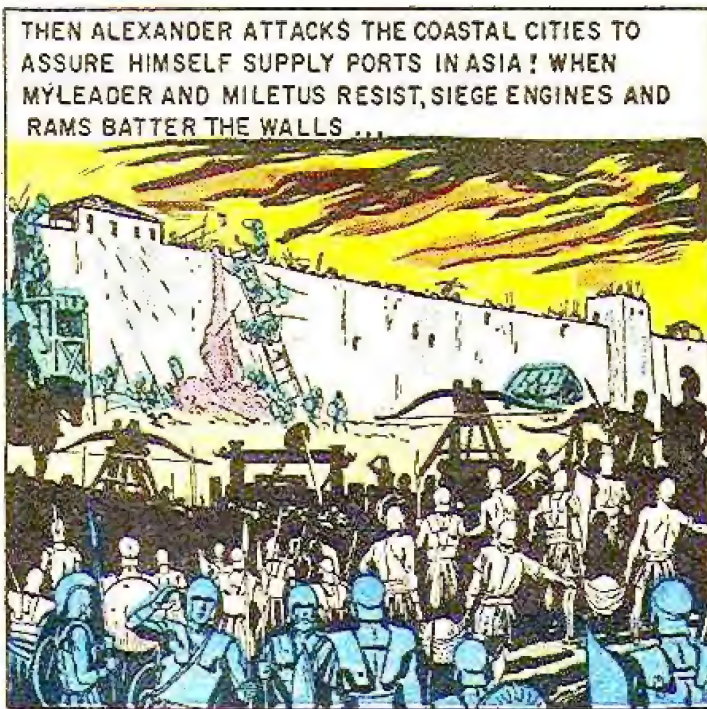
I PROMISED DARIUS
A DEATH ---



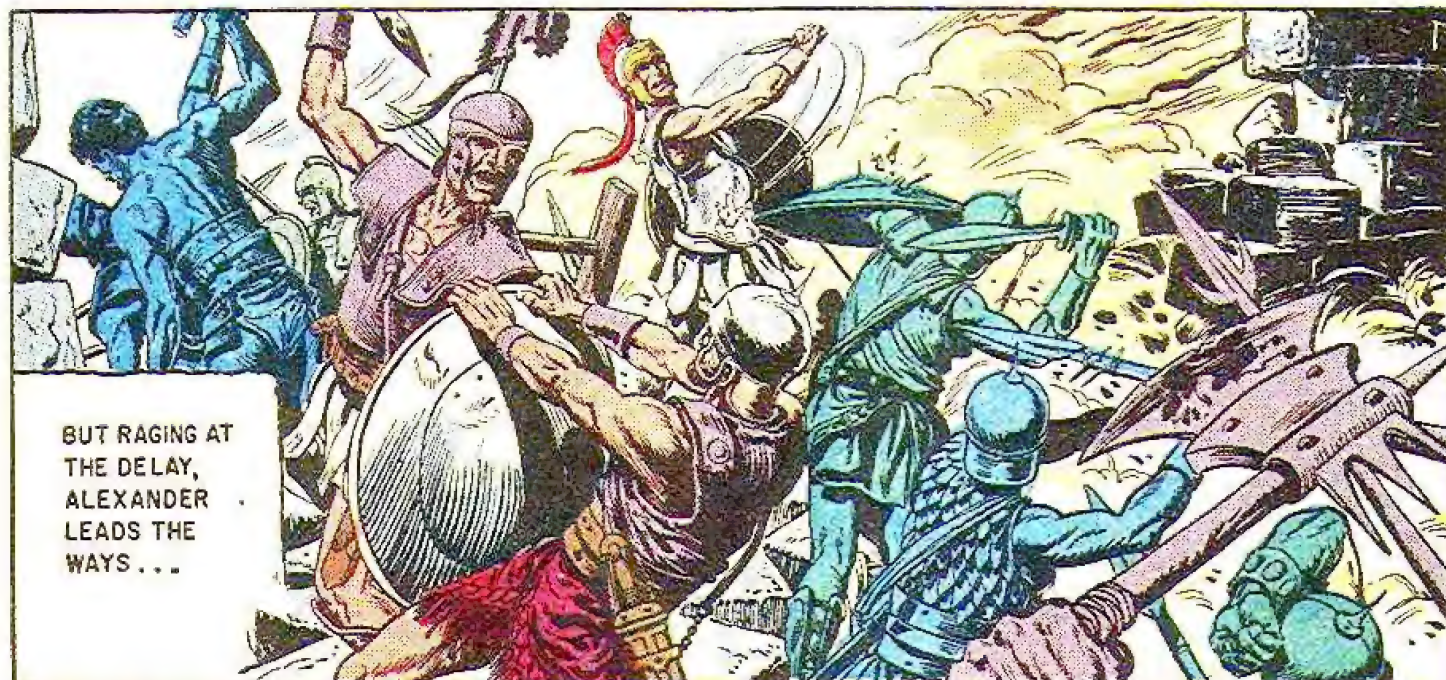




VICTORY, ALEXANDER!
THE FIELD IS *YOURS*!

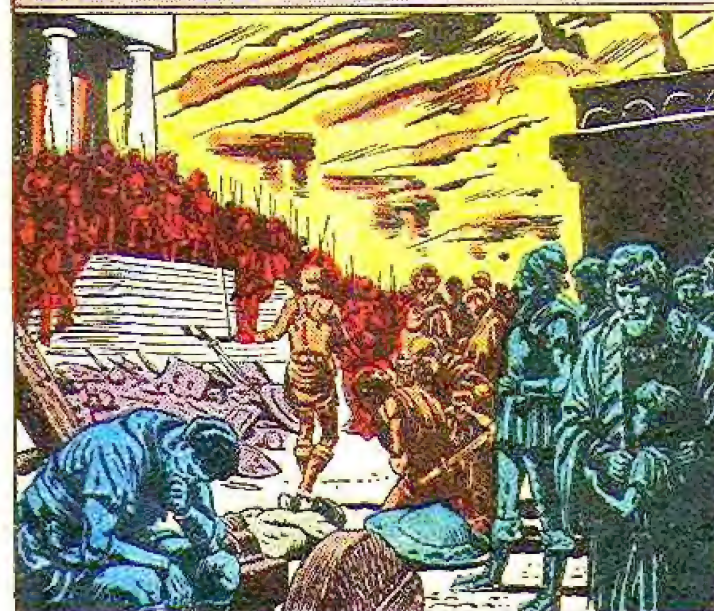


THEN ALEXANDER ATTACKS THE COASTAL CITIES TO
ASSURE HIMSELF SUPPLY PORTS IN ASIA! WHEN
MYLEADER AND MILETUS RESIST, SIEGE ENGINES AND
RAMS BATTER THE WALLS ...



BUT RAGING AT
THE DELAY,
ALEXANDER
LEADS THE
WAYS ...

QUICKLY, MILETUS FALLS ...



THEN THE VICTORIOUS MACEDONIANS PUSH ON TO THE
MOUNTAIN TOWN OF GORDIUM, CAPITAL OF PHRYGIA ...

THERE IS A PROPHECY THAT SAYS WHOEVER CAN UNDO
THE *GORDIAN KNOT* THAT HOLDS THE PIN TO THE YOKE,
HE WILL RULE ASIA!

JUST LOOK AT IT! NO
WONDER NO ONE HAS
SUCCEEDED!





BUT THERE IS *ONE* SURE WAY TO UNDO THE KNOT!



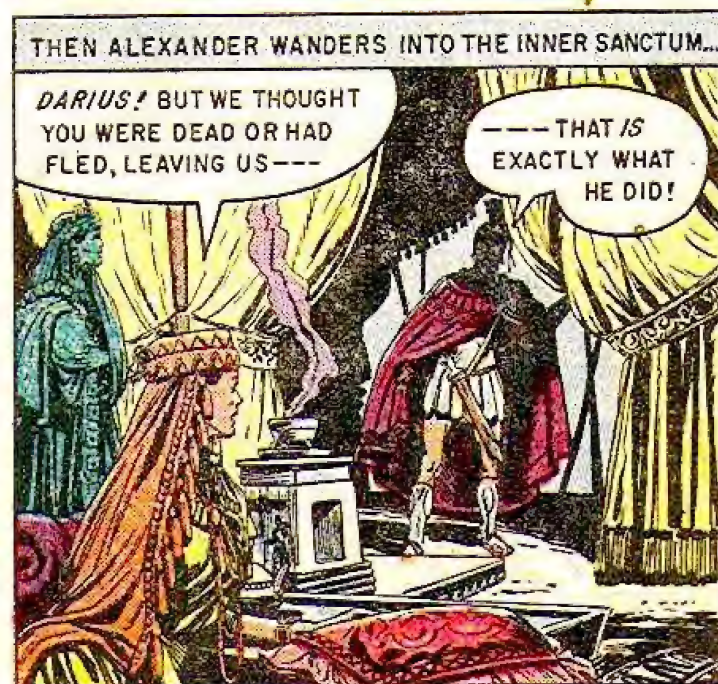
ASIA ——— ALL ASIA WILL FALL TO THAT SWORD!



FINALLY, DARIUS TAKES THE FIELD AGAINST ALEXANDER, BUT AT ISSUES, HE IS ROUTED AND FLEES, LEAVING HIS ROYAL PAVILION TO THE MACEDONIAN VICTOR...

SO *THIS* IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A KING!

CAREFUL, ALEXANDER! DON'T LET PERSIAN LUXURIES TURN YOUR HEAD!



THEN ALEXANDER WANDERS INTO THE INNER SANCTUM...

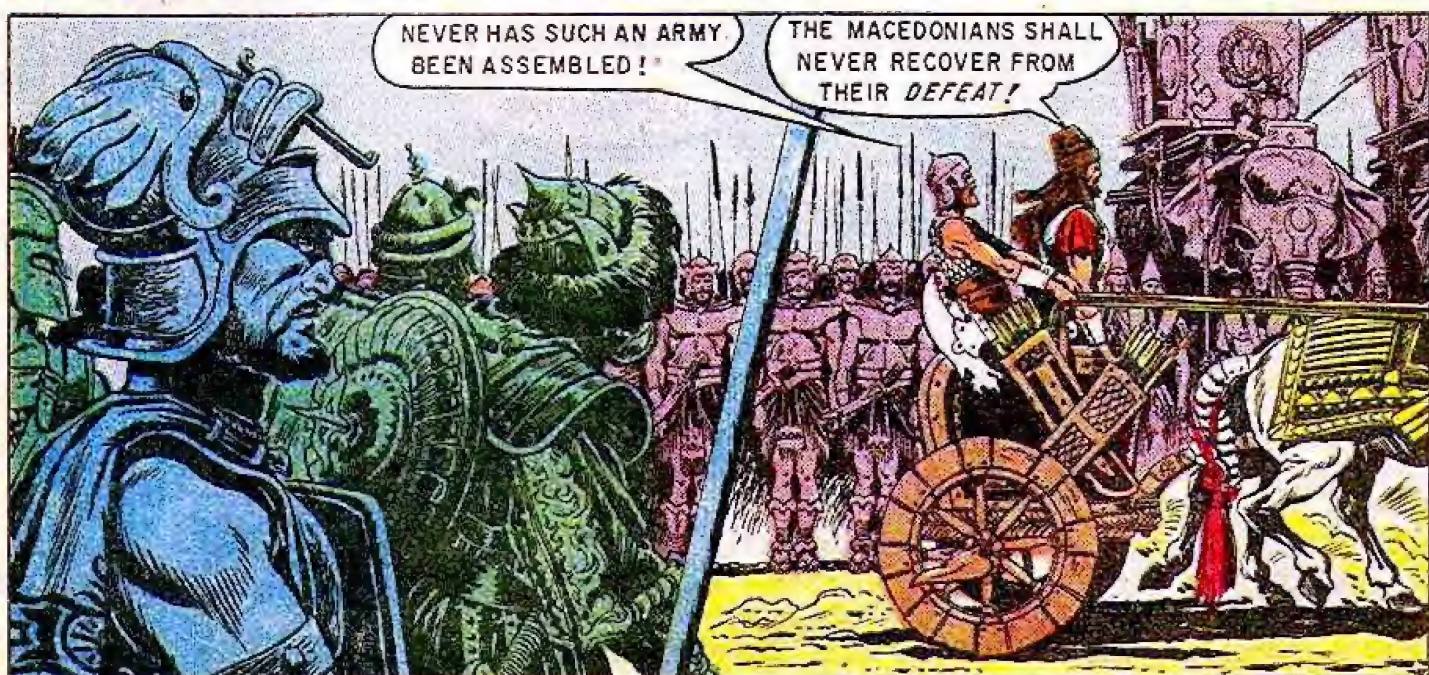
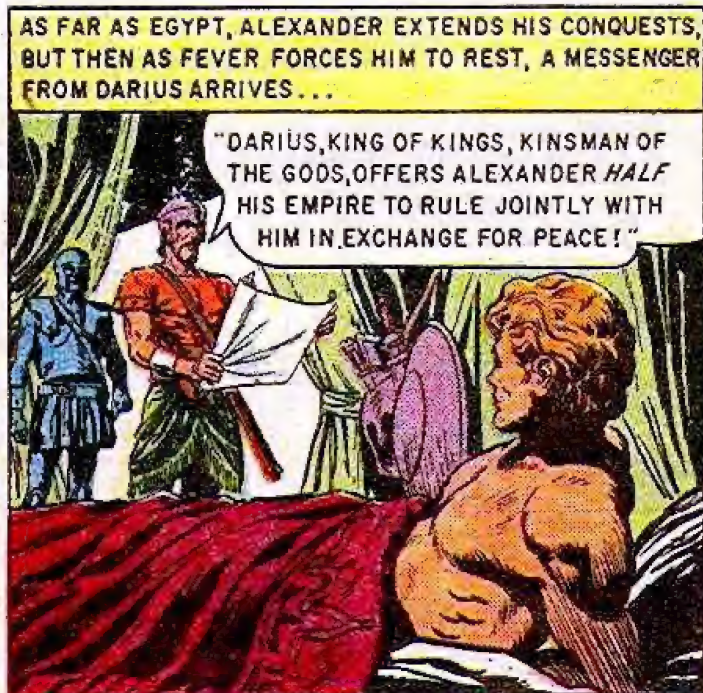
DARIUS! BUT WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD OR HAD FLED, LEAVING US---

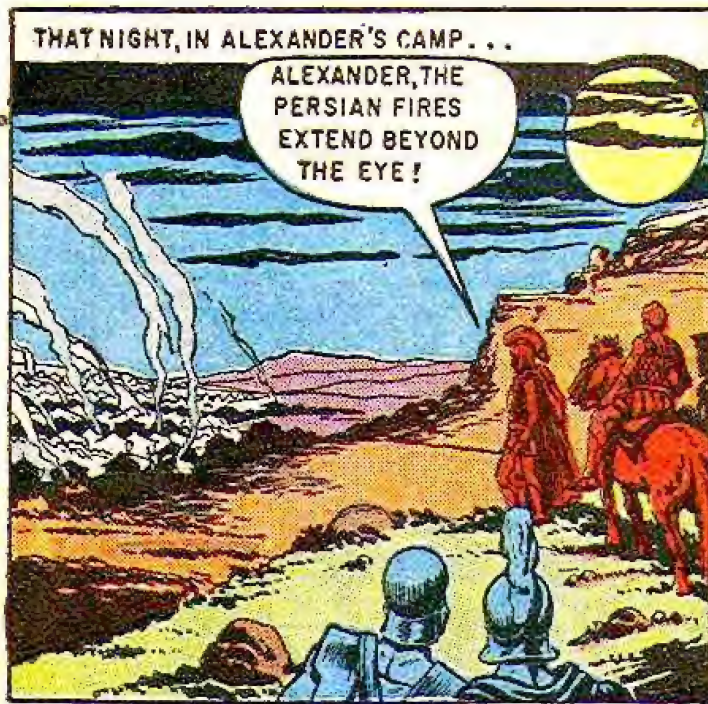
--- THAT *IS* EXACTLY WHAT HE DID!



THE MACEDONIAN! --- MERCY!

GET UP! I CAME TO DESTROY DARIUS'S ARMY --- NOT HIS FAMILY!





THAT NIGHT, IN ALEXANDER'S CAMP...

ALEXANDER, THE
PERSIAN FIRES
EXTEND BEYOND
THE EYE!



THEY OUTNUMBER US
GREATLY, ALEXANDER!
AT LEAST GIVE US THE
COVER OF NIGHT, SO WE
CAN TAKE THEM BY
SURPRISE!

NO, PARMENIO, I
DO NOT STEAL
A VICTORY!



SUDDENLY, ALL EYES TURN TOWARD THE MOON...

IT'S AN OMEN!

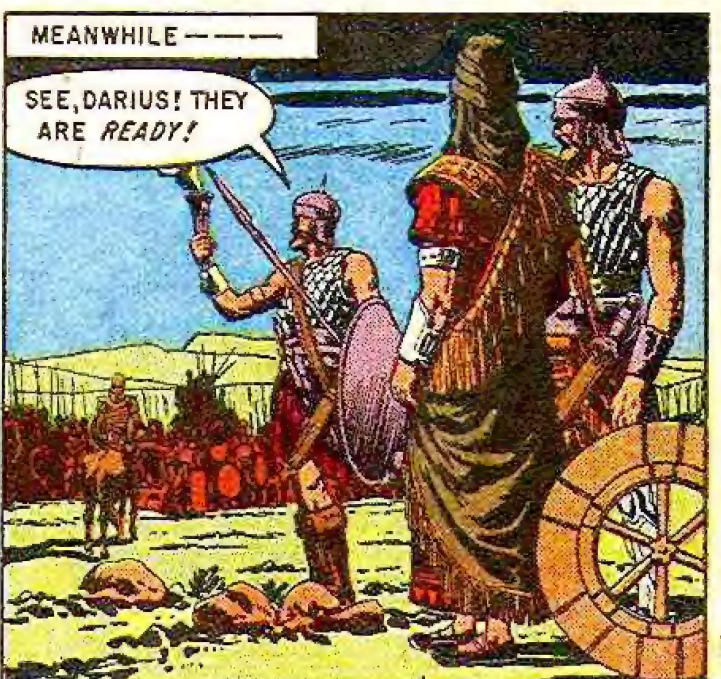
YES --- AN OMEN
OF BAD LUCK!



NO, MACEDONIANS! IT IS A SIGN
OUR MACEDONIAN MOON WILL IN
THE MORNING BLACK OUT THE
PERSIAN SUN!



HEAR ME, MACEDONIANS AND GREEKS! THIS WILL
BE OUR FINAL BATTLE! WITH THIS VICTORY WE
WILL HAVE CONQUERED ASIA! THEN WE WILL
RETURN HOME AS HEROES!



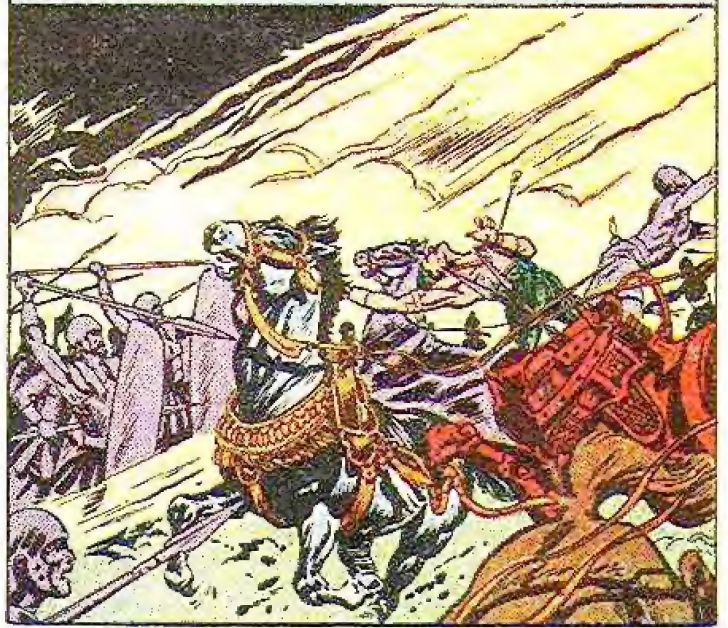
MEANWHILE ---

SEE, DARIUS! THEY
ARE READY!

DAWN--- THEIR CHARIOTS AND BEASTS WILL SLOW THEM, MACEDONIANS! DEPEND ON YOUR *SPEED* TO WIN! PROVE I AM A *GOD*, THE SON OF ZEUS, BY GIVING ME *VICTORY*!

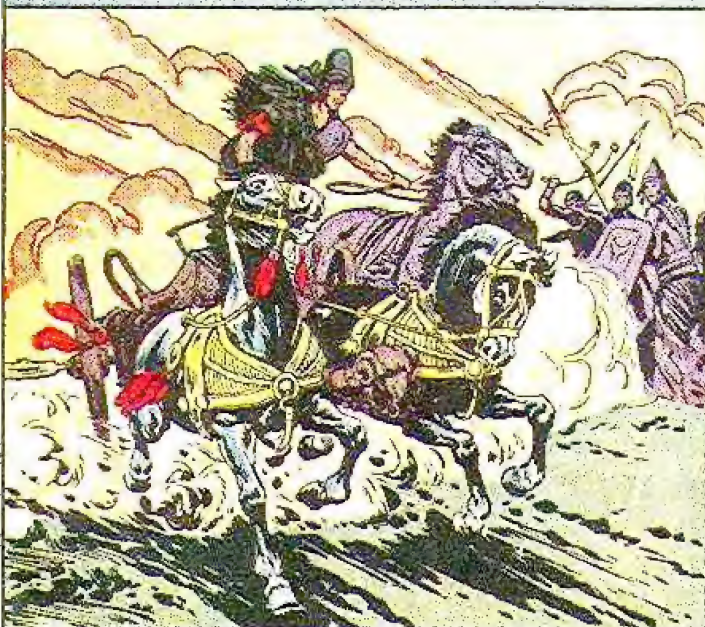


QUICKLY, THE MACEDONIAN PHALANX CLEARS ALL BEFORE ITS SHARP PIKES. . .



THE ELEPHANTS ARE EASY TARGETS FOR THEIR SPEARS. . .

SOON PANIC SEIZES THE PERSIAN LEADER. . .



DARIUS FLEES!

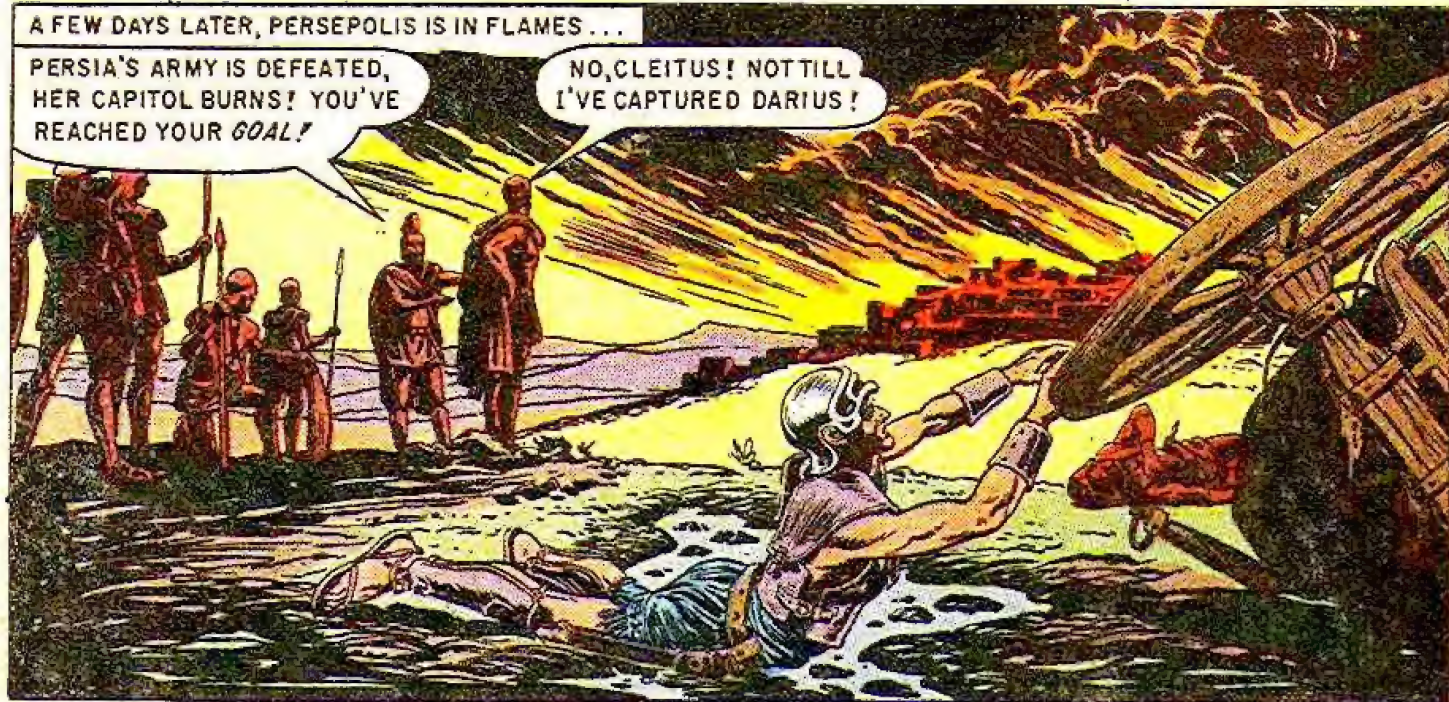
RUN!



A FEW DAYS LATER, PERSEPOLIS IS IN FLAMES...

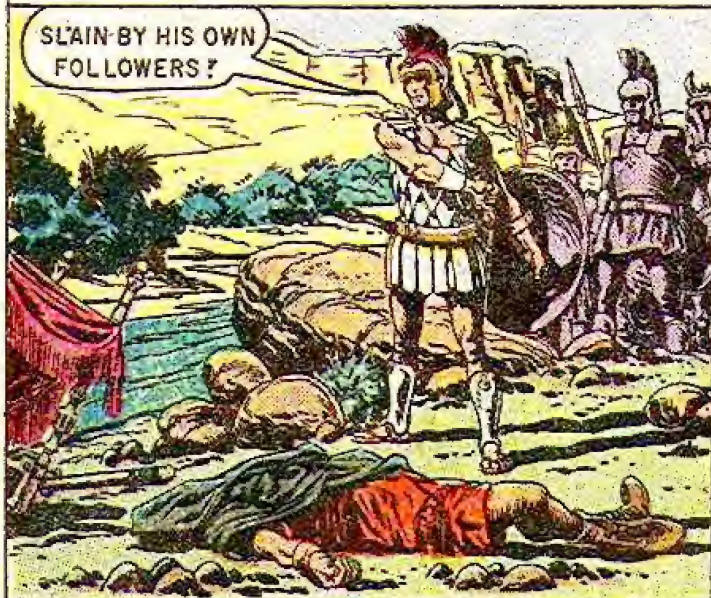
PERSIA'S ARMY IS DEFEATED,
HER CAPITOL BURNS! YOU'VE
REACHED YOUR GOAL!

NO, CLEITUS! NOT TILL
I'VE CAPTURED DARIUS!



PURSUIT CONTINUES, BUT AT LAST ALEXANDER FINDS
HIS QUARRY...

SLAIN BY HIS OWN
FOLLOWERS?



FIND THE MURDERERS — — —
PUNISH THEM!

THAT CAN BE DONE
WITHOUT OUR
PRESENCE IN ASIA!



BUT ALEXANDER LINGERS IN PERSIA, ADAPTING ITS
WAYS...

OUR PEOPLE WORE
SHEEPSKINS BEFORE
YOUR FATHER UNITED
US!

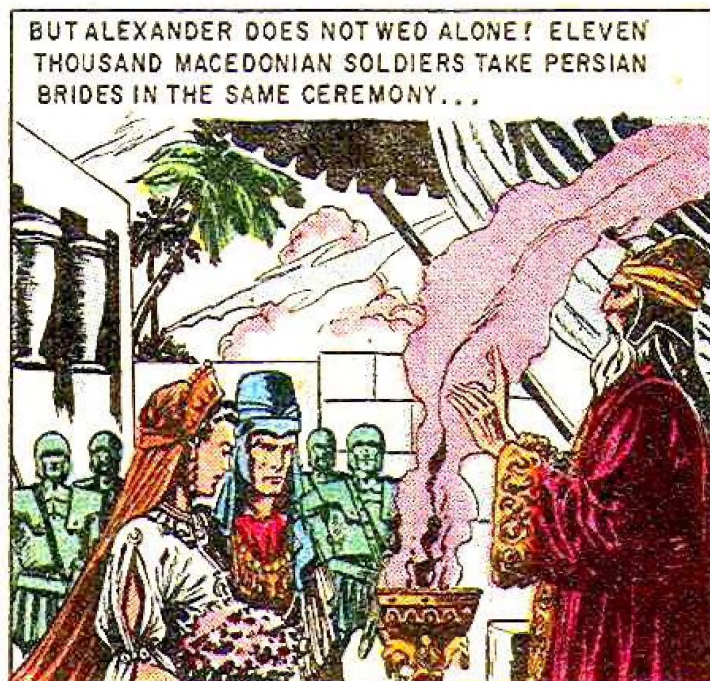
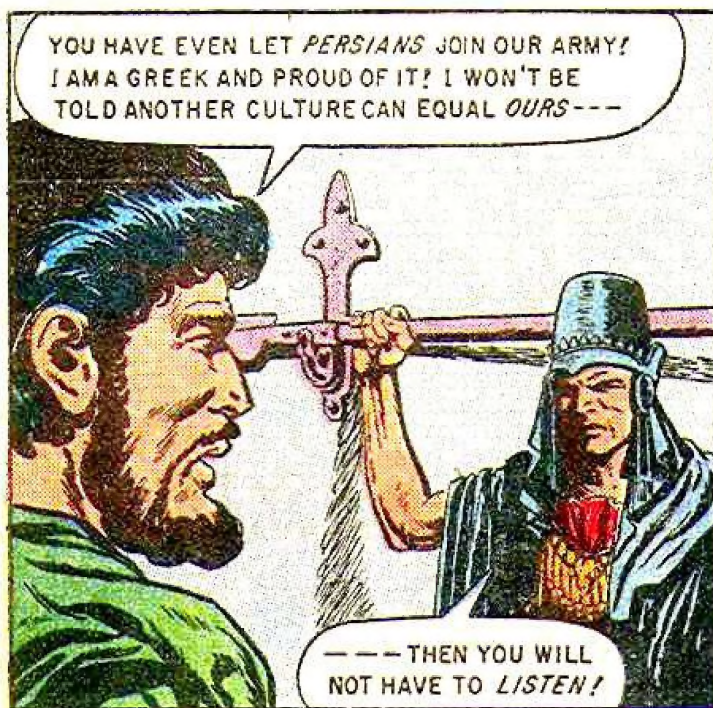
WHEN I SET
OUT, IT WAS TO
AVENGE
PERSIAN
WRONGS
AGAINST US!

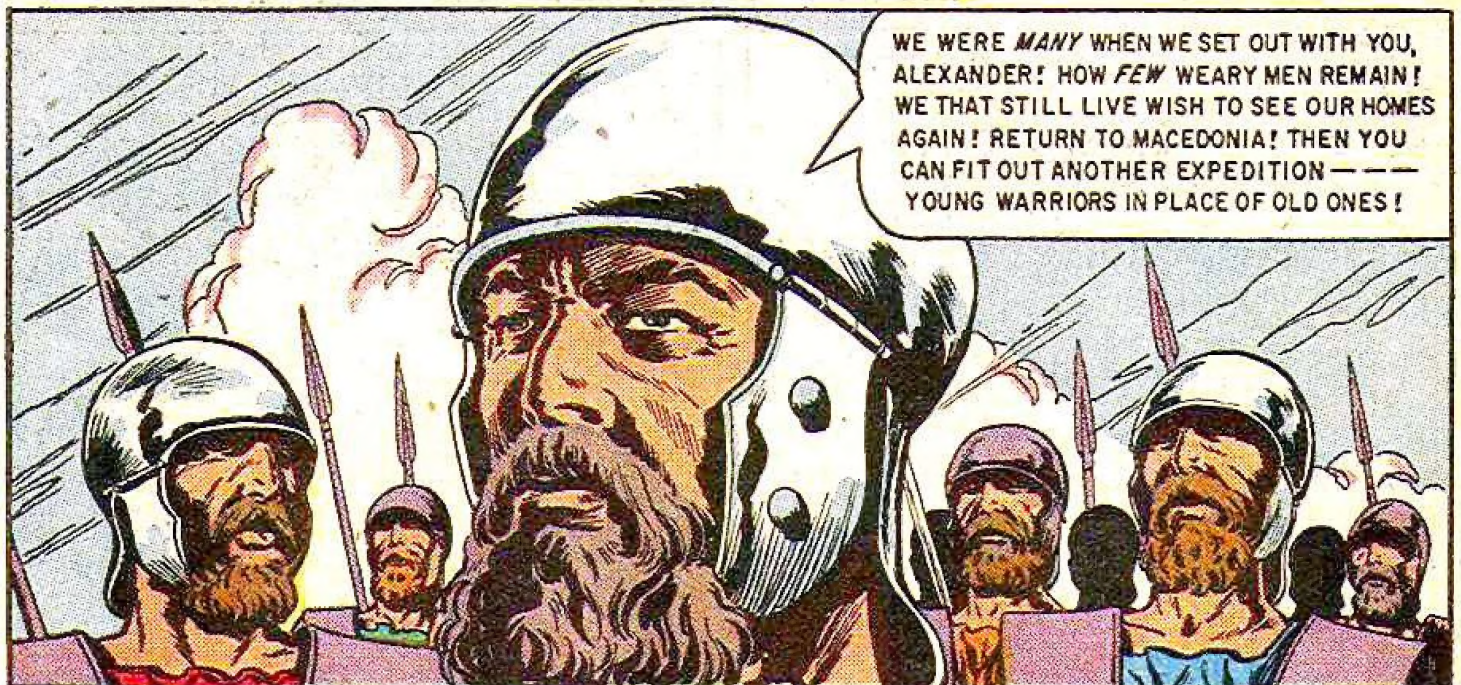
---ARISTOTLE TOLD ME WE
GREEKS WERE THE ONLY
CIVILIZED PEOPLE AND THE
ONLY FIT TO RULE!

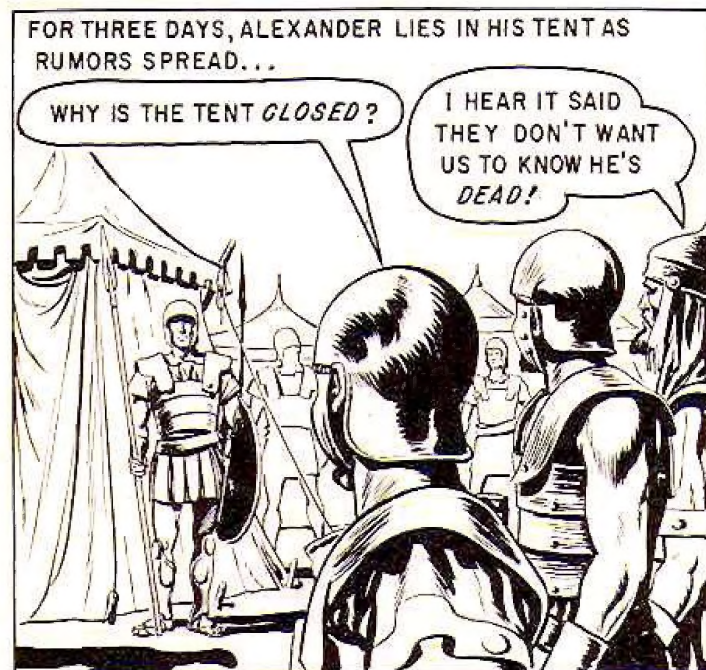


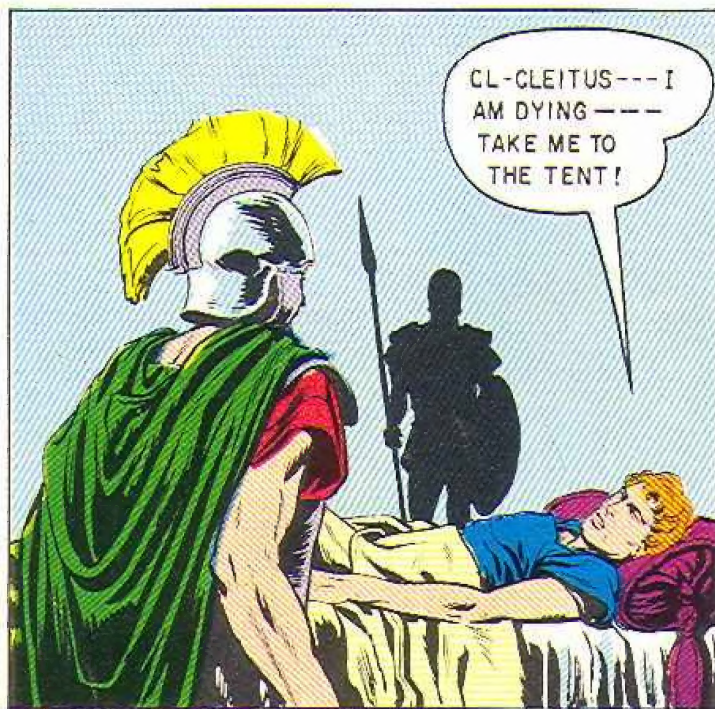
BUT TRAVELING FROM PELLA TO PERSEPOLIS HAS SHOWN
ME THERE ARE *OTHER* LANDS AS GREAT AS OURS! EACH
HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD! TO
UNITE THE BEST OF *MANY* NATIONS RATHER THAN TO
IMPOSE OUR WILL ON THEM ALL IS MY AIM NOW! SO
RATHER THAN SEEM A HOSTILE ALIEN IN PERSIA,
I WEAR HER ROBES!











AND SO THE THIRTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD VICTOR OF TWENTY-TWO BATTLES WITHOUT A SINGLE DEFEAT IS GRANTED HIS YOUTHFUL WISH-- A SHORT LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR ETERNAL FAME!

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